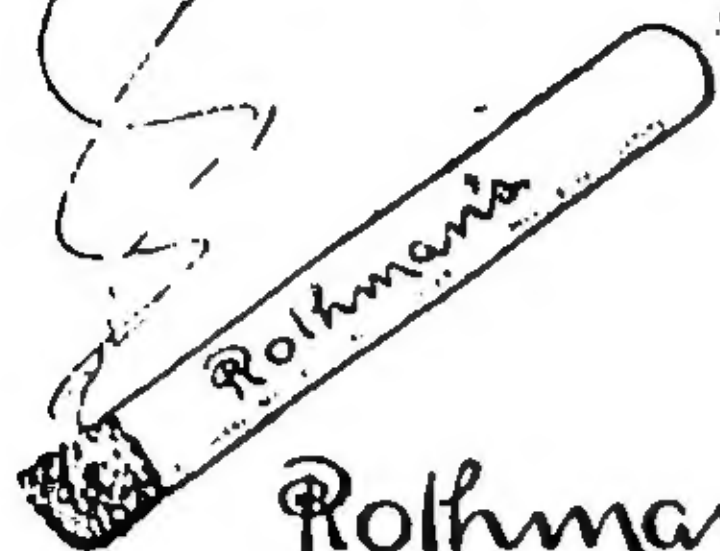


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BRITISH LANDING THREAT

How the threat of a British landing in the Continent contains big German forces in the West, is shown by the Nazi newspaper "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung."

The paper reassures the German public that the British are unable to make a land offensive in order to relieve the Russians owing to "the presence of German armies mounting guard in the west, north and south."

"Considerable forces of the German army, navy and air force are concentrated in the west in order to protect the Reich against surprises and also to cover the rear of the eastern war arena."

"NEVERTHELESS IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE GERMANS ALREADY HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO TRANSFER SOME FORCES FROM FRANCE AND BELGIUM OWING TO THE FAILURE TO BREAK RUSSIAN RESISTANCE."—REUTER.

BEST GERMAN DIVISIONS ARE SMASHED

In an editorial yesterday the Moscow newspaper "Pravda" repeats Stalin's statement that the best German divisions have been smashed, says Moscow Radio, but the article warns the people of the Soviet Union that stubborn battles lie ahead of them.

"We will harass the enemy unceasingly and defeat him," says "Pravda." — Reuter.

RESOLUTION IN THE SENATE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] A resolution has been introduced in the U.S. Senate designed to remove the present prohibition against the use of U.S. troops outside the western hemisphere and American possessions.—International News Service.

Red Army Moving Up 8,000,000 Men

THE GERMAN PAUSE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT OF THE PAST TWO OR THREE DAYS IS BELIEVED IN AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES IN LONDON TO BE THE LULL BEFORE A NEW STORM, AND IT IS CONSIDERED IN LONDON THAT ACCORDING TO PRESENT INDICATIONS A NEW GERMAN PUSH AGAINST THE RUSSIANS IS ABOUT TO DEVELOP.

It is thought that the physical fatigue of the German tank crews is most probably the reason for the pause but this condition, it is pointed out, may cease to be operative very shortly.

Meanwhile swarming Red Air Force planes are hammering Nazi tanks and troops with mounting fury, in an endeavour to shatter the expected new German offensive before it gets under way, as the Red High Command announced the annihilation of a Nazi motorised division and the shattering defeat of another.

According to latest reports from Moscow 8,000,000 troops which have been recently mobilised in the Soviet Union are now moving up towards the war fronts, stated Ankara radio last night quoted by Reuter.

The Soviets declare that "no event of importance" has occurred since the halting or reversal of the last Nazi onslaughts in seven sectors, indicating the German High Command is reorganising before a new onslaught.

The Red Air Force, it is claimed in Moscow, has gained quantitative and qualitative mastery over the Luftwaffe, bombing enemy armoured units in the Ostrov and Novograd-Volinsk areas.

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RED MARSHALS TAKE OVER NEW COMMANDS

The Moscow Radio announced yesterday that Marshal Voroshilov, Marshal Timoshenko and Marshal Budenny have been appointed Commanders-in-chief of the northern, western and south-western sectors of the front, respectively.

The announcer said that they have already taken up their duties. — Reuter.

HEAVY RAID BY R.A.F. ON NAPLES

HEAVY BOMBERS of the R.A.F. attacked the railway station at Naples during the night of July 19, causing considerable damage and starting a number of fires, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which also records further heavy R.A.F. raids on Benghazi harbour where fires and explosions were observed between the base of the outer cathedral and the moles.

When the last raid left the entire target was one huge blaze. Attacks were also carried out on landing grounds at Derna, Martuba, Gazala and El Tmimi.

Nazi Ace's Last Flight

REUTER LEARNS THAT CAPTAIN ROLF PETER PINGEL, CRACK GERMAN FIGHTER PILOT, MADE A FORCED LANDING IN KENT ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

It is understood he had encountered British heavy bombers. He claims 22 air victories and has the Ritterkreuz.

The British Air Force has "had an eye" on this German fighter pilot for some time.—Reuter.

Of the Syrian operation the communique reports further attacks on dumps, huts, marquees and buildings in a Vichy camp, and road transport. One camp attacked on Thursday, at Hamana, produced a series of heavy and continuous explosions lasting more than half-an-hour.

The communique adds that during this attack R.A.F. bombers were attacked by five Vichy fighters which in turn were attacked by Australian aircraft and all were shot down.

The landing grounds at Talna and Hamana in Syria were also heavily machine-gunned. Two planes were destroyed as well as 24 transport vehicles damaged on the roads in the Beirut area.

Two R.A.F. aircraft were missing but the crew of one were safe.—Reuter.

Italian Raid A Flop

Three Italian fighters were brought down and nine damaged in an air battle over Malta yesterday, while another was probably damaged by anti-aircraft fire.

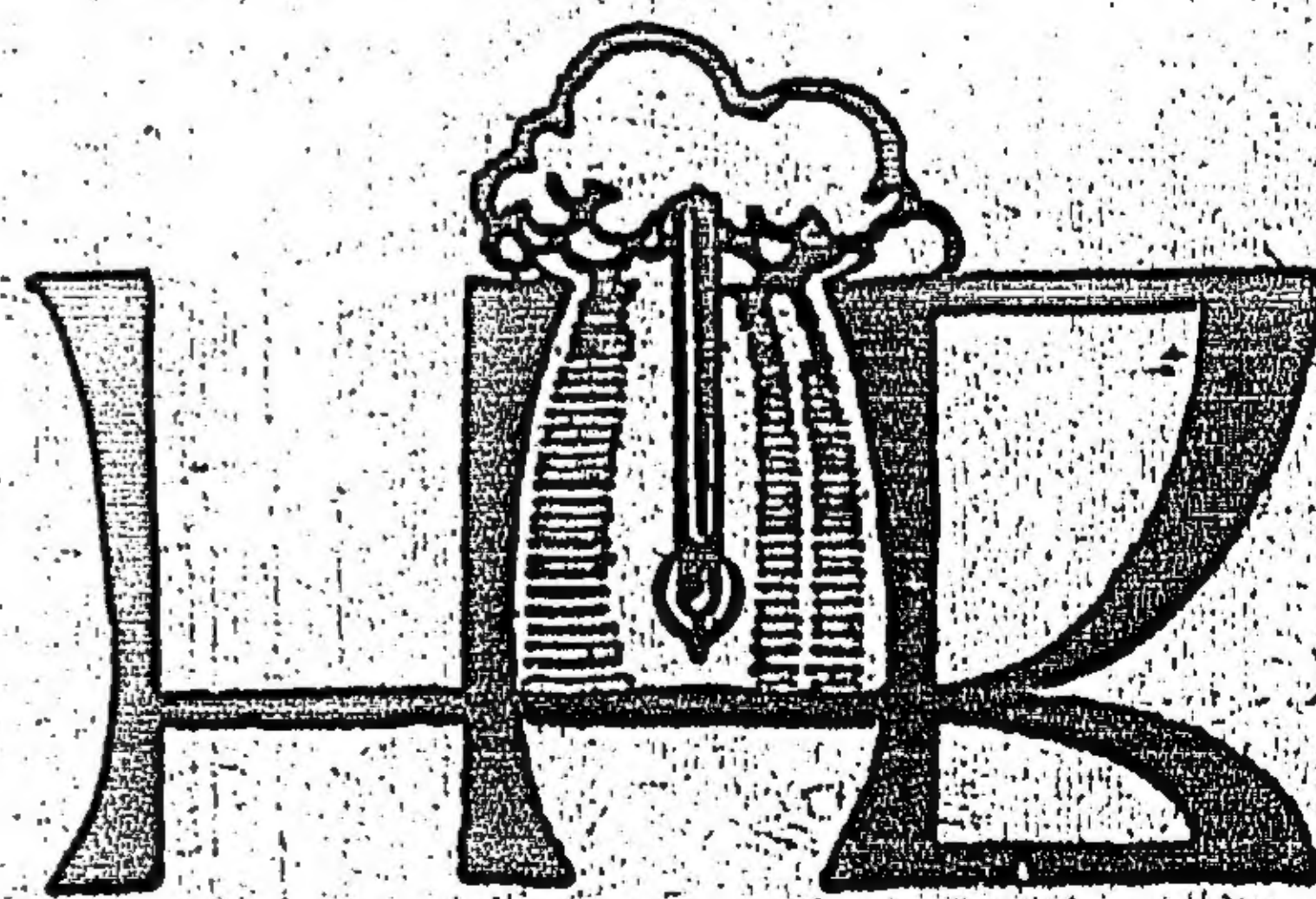
An official communique states a large formation of enemy aircraft attempted to attack the island but were intercepted and split up by British fighters.

Some of the raiders were able to make a low-flying attack but there were no casualties.

The three fighters shot down were all Macchi 200's. They fell into the sea.

Some of those damaged were so badly hit they are unlikely to have reached their home bases. No British fighters were lost.—Reuter.

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SYRIA ARMISTICE RIDDLE

Vichy Claim Of Rejection

London Doubtful Of Report

THE OFFICIAL VICHY NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED LATE LAST NIGHT IN A STATEMENT BROADCAST OVER LYONS RADIO: "THE VICHY GOVERNMENT HAS REJECTED THE BRITISH ARMISTICE TERMS."

Earlier the agency had said that the French Government is believed to take the view that the British propositions cannot serve as the basis for negotiating an armistice in Syria.

Reports that the Vichy Government has rejected the terms found no confirmation in London last night. Authoritative circles emphasised that all such reports, from whatever source, should be treated with the greatest reserve.

The French Government has considered both the British propositions and its own reply, the agency added.

It appears the report continues that the British demands included the complete surrender of arms and warships, inclusion of the whole of Syrian territory in the sterling bloc and its occupation by British forces.

It seems also that the British terms implied a sort of de facto recognition of the dissident movement.

On this last point the French government made its viewpoint known in a semi-official Note. It cannot negotiate with the dissidents.

Consequently well-informed circles believe that the French reply, the terms of which will be published almost at once, will be negative.

Vichy Parleys

Further discussions between Admiral Darlan, Vichy Vice-Premier, and General Huntziger, Defence Minister, took place yesterday afternoon.

France's reply, states the Vichy

news agency, will probably be communicated through the American consulate at Beirut.

Authorised circles in Vichy say nothing about reports that certain French warships have taken refuge in Alexandretta harbour.

ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, CONCLUDES THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY, A NUMBER OF SUCH WARSHIPS VARYINGLY STATED TO BE SIX, 11 AND 12, AND PART OF THE CREWS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS ON BEING DISARMED BY THE TURKS.—Reuter.

Weygand Puzzle

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

International News says the arrival of General Weygand in Vichy from North Africa is linked in some way with the Syrian situation but in precisely what way is unknown.

A Vichy communique says: "The British have not yet answered the French request for a truce. The British and Imperial forces have intensified their attacks on all fronts."—International News Service.

THAILAND OFFICERS IN MALAYA

The gratification of the Thai Government at the British invitation to inspect Malaya's defences was expressed by Lt.-Col. Luang Sura Narong yesterday.

Together with Flight-Lt. Dawee Chuldrupya he arrived in Singapore on a military mission.

"Thailand always has been and still is anxious to remain the best of friends with her best friend, Britain," Lt.-Col. Narong told Reuter.

"It is a long-standing friendship and we sincerely hope it will never break."

He admitted Thailand needed more aircraft, saying "We would like to get some very much."

In conclusion, Lt.-Col. Narong expressed Thailand's hope for an invitation to send a military mission to Burma and India, and admitted the possibility that a reciprocal invitation would be extended to Malaya.—Reuter.

THREE MAIN RED COMMANDS

EXPLAINING THE APPOINTMENTS OF MARSHALS VOROSHILOV, TIMOSHENKO AND BUDENNY AS COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF IN THE NORTH-WEST, WEST AND SOUTH-WEST SECTORS, RESPECTIVELY, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY REPORTS:

"In view of the fact there are now three main directions of the war operations, the State Defence Committee has ordered headquarters to organise three main commands as above."—Reuter.

TURKS INTERN FRENCH NAVAL CREWS

Fourteen French warships have now entered Alexandretta harbour, according to the German-controlled Paris radio last night.

Ankara radio states that all the Vichy warships which have taken refuge in Alexandretta have been disarmed and their crews interned.—Reuter.

COLONEL DONOVAN'S NEW JOB

President Roosevelt has appointed Colonel W. J. Donovan as Co-ordinator of Information bearing on the defence programme.

Colonel Donovan's job is to "collect and assemble information and data bearing on national security" from various Government agencies and to analyse such material for official Government use.

The official announcement stated that Colonel Donovan's work is not intended to supersede, duplicate or involve any direction of or interference with the services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other existing departments or agencies.

Colonel Donovan, described as "President Roosevelt's unofficial observer," paid many visits to European cities last year and this, conferring with personalities and subsequently reporting to the President.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT EXPLAINS

President Roosevelt declared at his press conference yesterday he would not be surprised if American steel had gone into 50 British bases and if American workmen the world over were being paid by the British Government. This, he said, was perfectly legal.

The President remarked this when questioned regarding the construction of American bases in Ireland and Scotland.

When a reporter said there seemed to be some substantiation from abroad for Senator Wheeler's contentions, President Roosevelt said that what was being done was being accomplished either through straight purchases by the British Government or under the Lease and Lend Act.

THE PRESIDENT WENT ON TO SAY HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF AMERICANS WERE WORKING FOR THE BRITISH THE WORLD OVER AND THAT AMERICAN STEEL WAS BEING USED IN BASES FROM CANADA TO SOUTH AFRICA AND "GOD KNOWS WHERE."—REUTER.

NIGHT BAG OF 51

One of the Royal Air Force's night fighter squadrons has become the first to have destroyed more than 50 enemy aircraft by night.

The squadron, whose score stands at 51 now, yesterday received the following message from their group Commander, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Quentin Brand:—"Keep up the good work. I look forward with confidence to 100 up."—Reuter.

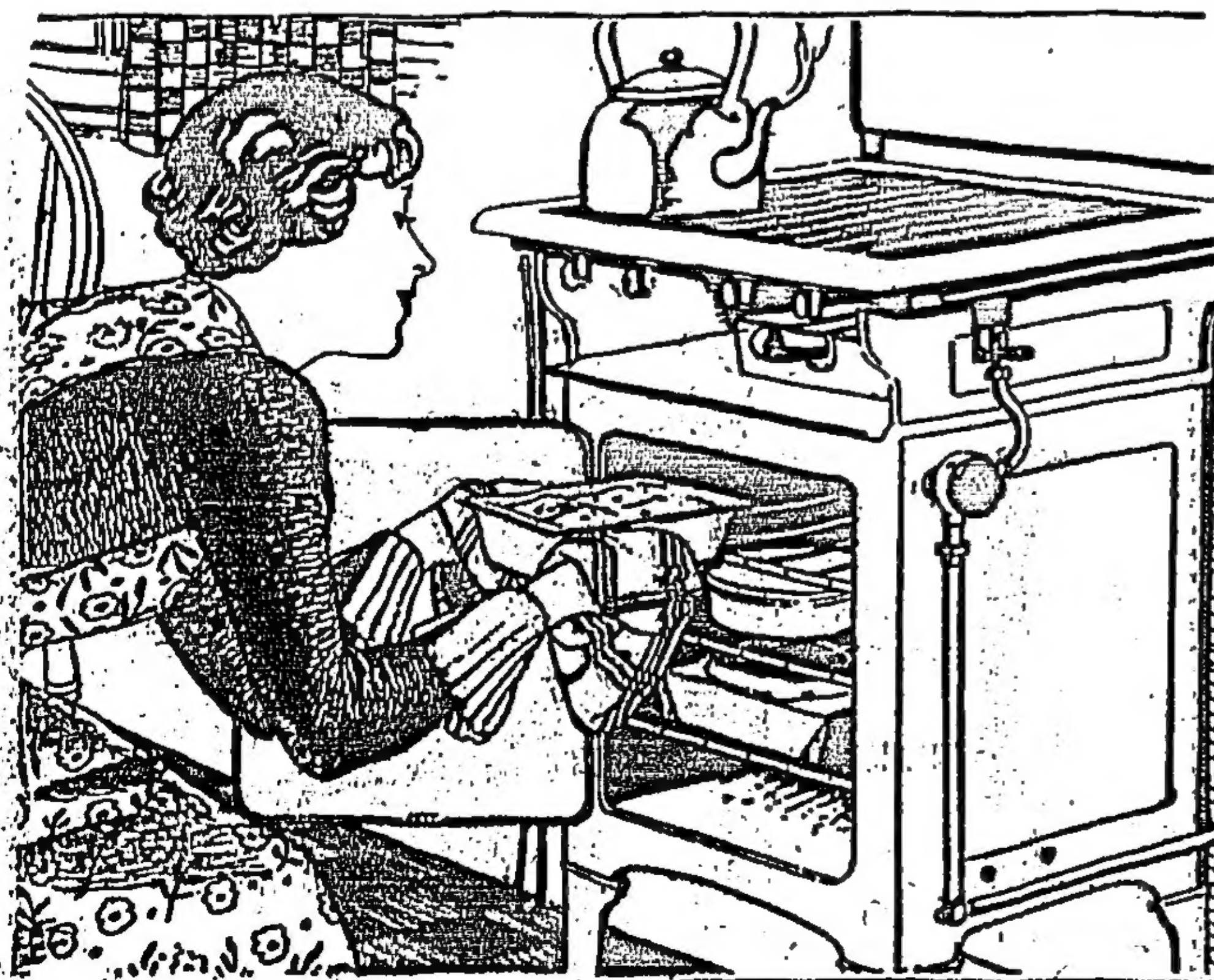
BRITISH EMBASSY DESTRUCTION

A China League of Nations Union representative called on Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and conveyed sympathies over the complete destruction of the British Embassy and severe damage to his residence during last Monday's Japanese air raid over Chungking.—Central News.

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BATTLE CONTINUING ON SYRIAN FRONT

THERE WAS STILL no reply last evening from General Dentz to General Wilson's appeal in order that Beirut may be spared the distress inevitable if it becomes the scene of fighting.

Meanwhile the Imperial troops are steadily closing in on Beirut.

The Vichy troops, stated the spokesman at General Wilson's headquarters yesterday, are stationed in some strength at Aid Drail, about one mile north of Abey.

Homs, the vital road and rail junction, is now threatened by simultaneous advances by a column based near Nebek threatening the city from the south, and a column from Palmyra advancing from the east.

Rapid Push

In a rapid push forward the column from Nebek reached Sadad, 35 miles south of Homs.

Reports that Homs had been evacuated by the Vichy forces are stated to be untrue.

On the Damascus-Beirut road, which is being pounded by artillery from the commanding Jebel Mazar Ridge, the situation is obscure.—Reuter.

U.S. TAKES OVER AXIS SHIPPING

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT announced yesterday it has waived its belligerent rights concerning Italian and German ships seized by the United States.

The announcement, which was made by the Embassy in Washington, will enable the U.S. to operate 28 Italian and two German vessels which the Maritime Commission are already repairing and reconditioning to be used in place of U.S. ships which were turned over to Britain, and to make up for some of Britain's losses.

The waiving resulted in a series of conferences between Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, and Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador. The announcement said: "His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom announce that in view of the uses to which these vessels are to be put they entirely approve the steps now being taken by the United States Government to prepare for sea the Italian and German ships in the United States."

"His Majesty's Government gratefully recognise the assistance which they and their Allies will receive from the service these vessels are to render and they accordingly have waived the exercise of their belligerent rights as far as these vessels are concerned."—Reuter.

Arrival Of Large American Troop Convoy In Iceland

U.S. Marines Fraternise With British

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Iceland)

EVENTS HAVE MOVED VERY FAST IN ICELAND IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. UNTIL THIS WEEK BRITISH TROOPS HERE WERE INCINED TO REGARD THEMSELVES AS A LOST LEGION. WAR NEWS CAME FROM EVERYWHERE ELSE BUT NEVER ICELAND.

Suddenly on July 5, news arrived of an American Senator's disclosure and rumour ran riot. None denied Senator Wheeler's statement and excitement grew. Soldiers and Icelanders alike were asking: "When will the Americans come?"

At 5 p.m. G.M.T. on Monday, July 7, they had their answer.

The largest convoy of troopships, warships and planes ever seen in this island appeared on the horizon. A crowd collected at once to watch the sight, soldiers with beaming faces peered over each other's shoulders, and delighted comments came from them all.

Some were thinking that they will soon be seeing the old country again, others were realising that it was an opportunity of active service and realised the significance of what was really happening.

It was an inspiring sight.

Visible Proof

Here was visible proof of the armed might of the United States of America reaching halfway across the Atlantic to protect the passage of planes, tanks and armaments which her factories are producing, and not merely helping Great Britain with the task of conveying war materials but releasing a fine body of troops for active service elsewhere.

Hopes ran high in every camp on the island that momentous night and wireless confirmation of what many already guessed from the sight of the convoy gave an interest and zest to life which had been altogether lacking in the first year of occupation.

Conversation turned to which place the troops would move next and how the American troops would look.

Would their equipment be as good as the sight of that convoy seemed to indicate and how would they tolerate the loneliness of some of the outlying posts, and the uneventful and unceasing watch that makes up so much of soldiering in Iceland?

History Being Made

As fast as the younger men asked these questions, the older men with ribbons from the last War, were quick to find the answers. Of course the Americans would be well equipped. Of course they would stand the conditions the British had stood. They knew well enough what sort of soldiers the Americans were.

On Monday night the convoy anchored; on Tuesday morning the British General with a Guard of Honour and military band welcomed the American General.

There were a few spectators at the scene who failed to realise that history was being made before their eyes as the two Generals saluted and the Guard of Honour presented arms.

The first steps in the collaboration of two great armies took place. It was a great and symbolic union but was soon over. Once the Guard of Honour had been inspected officers from the two armies started to mingle, and within five minutes opposite numbers could be seen in close consultation and around them

the work of disembarkation started.

American Pep

It took no time to see that the Americans were here on business, and one hour after the generals had shaken hands American transports were on the streets of Iceland, and American troops drove their lorries along the left hand side of the road as though they had driven in Iceland all their days.

Meanwhile the British troops looked on with wonder and approval on their faces. Three comments were heard from all sides: fine looking fellows; they know their job; fine outfit they've got.

The first impression could not have been better. As this disembarkation took place American marines were moving to their prepared quarters. They were at work and there was no time for the British troops to fraternise with them till the work for the day had been done.

Then the meeting of the two armies started, in camps, canteens, offices, streets, anywhere where by chance one soldier might meet another. They were fine meetings. There was no emotion, no excitement. Many badges denoting marksmanship were keenly noticed and revealed the Americans as some of the crack troops which the Germans had never forgotten from Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood.

An English Tommy leaned over a table and offered an American a drink. The American accepted and the Tommy asked him what he thought of the place.

After Their Own Hearts

"Fine," said the American, and nothing more.

"What is life like here?" said the marine. And then, at last, the Tommy let himself go. For half-an-hour they talked on conditions in Iceland, what they thought of the war, how much American help was coming, how conditions in the two armies varied, and when the war would end.

It was essentially an unemotional meeting, half-truths and under-statements abounded, but when the men parted there were two things they had learned.

The British knew these were soldiers after their own hearts, men who knew what soldiering was, who had been ordered to protect Iceland and see that armaments arrived safely.

The Americans learned they were meeting men who also knew how to use those armaments and who were never going to stop using them till all the world's enemy had been beaten, so completely that he will never again cause trouble.

Ice Broken

After that first meeting the ice seemed broken. British stopped Americans. In the streets and asked for news. They went to shops to show them how things were done and

R.A.F. BOMBING WITH CLOCKWORK PRECISION

The clockwork regularity of the R.A.F. raids on Germany was referred to yesterday by the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich "National Zeitung."

He states: "British air incursions are daily increasing in numbers and intensity. Night attacks, mainly over northern and western Germany, take place with almost clockwork regularity."—Reuter.

R.A.F. ON RAMPAGE AGAIN

It was officially announced in London last night that R.A.F. bombers and fighters were again active over northern France yesterday afternoon.

Full details are not yet available but according to preliminary reports at least six German fighters were destroyed.

Heavy R.A.F. bombers escorted by fighters carried out two offensive operations over northern France, an Air Ministry communique announced later.

In the morning they attacked the shipyard at Le Trait, on the River Seine.

British fighters destroyed nine enemy fighters during the day's offensive operations.

Several German dive-bombers were also attacked on the ground.

Four British fighters are missing.

One enemy bomber was destroyed by British fighters off the north of Scotland last evening.—Reuter.

GAOL FOR UNSAFE SHELTERS—M.P.

There was no reply when an M.P., after asking in the House about unsafe public shelters, said general opinion was that somebody ought to be gaol.

Mr. J. J. Tinker (Soc., Leigh) said one urban council were closing ninety-two shelters because they were unsafe.

The Home Secretary said there were indications in some areas that defects may have been due to bad workmanship and the department was looking into the matter and action would be taken in appropriate cases.

teach them the scraps of Icelandic they had picked up.

Military etiquette even, in some places, was relaxed enough for a broad grin to pass over the face of an officer of one army as he returned the salute from a soldier of the other army. There may be a number of the British who are sorry to leave Iceland, and there may be some Americans who would rather have gone elsewhere, but there is not one man in these two armies who has failed to see that they had taken part in some important development of the war and who had not felt elated at the news and was pleased to see what the other army is like.—Reuter.

THREE-PARTY TALKS OPEN IN SAIGON

SIGNALISING THE first resumption of formal relations between Thailand and Indo-China since the armistice, a Siamese delegation is arriving in Saigon to-day from Bangkok.

The delegation is headed by Prince Viwatadajai, Counsellor at the Thai Finance Ministry.

A monetary conference is scheduled to start about July 15 with Indo-China officials, including M. A. Gannay, Inspector-General of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, who arrived in Saigon from Hanoi yesterday.

The Thai delegation will also form part of the Boundary Commission of which a Japanese delegation some 50 strong is expected to arrive any day.

Saigon becomes the temporary political capital of Indo-China with the arrival from his summer residence at Dalat of the Governor-General, Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, who will remain several

weeks before returning to Hanoi. It is also rumoured that General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission in Tonkin, is likely to proceed to Saigon on a short visit on return from his present undisclosed mission to Canton.—Reuter.

TA KUNG PAO BOMBED

The "Ta Kung Pao" building was hit by a bomb and set on fire during the Japanese air raid over Chungking on Thursday. Serious damage is said to have been done in the printing room.

The paper, however, appeared yesterday as usual.—Central News.

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OUT EVERY WINDOW

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL has been bombed again. Scarcely a pane of glass remains. Many of the windows dated back to Wren, others were famous memorial windows.

One, given in thanksgiving for the recovery of King Edward VII from a serious illness, is shattered.

Others, which have gone completely, include the Goldsmiths' Company window, dating from about 1850, the Drapers' Company window, the St Cecilia window, presented by the Musicians' Company, and a window to the Earl of Meath, commemorating his work for the Empire.

The massive circular West Window, of Munich glass, damaged in an earlier raid, is now wrecked.

A Dome Vanishes

Now a heavy bomb has made a direct hit on the North Transept. It fell through the saucer dome, which disappeared into the inner portico, where it hurled masonry into a fantastic pile of broken columns and stonework.

Beneath the damaged portico the Crypt was strewn with wreckage. But the tomb of Nelson, a few feet away, was unharmed.

Most of the fabric is unharmed, but the walls of the North Transept are pitted with deep holes, and a small gallery round the transept is broken. Several statues were damaged.

The Great Dome and the Whispering Gallery are unaffected, but glass in windows encircling the dome was shattered.

Canon Alexander, treasurer of the Cathedral, was almost beneath the transept when the bomb fell.

Crypt Usable

"The explosion blew a huge hole above the practice room in the Crypt, used by members of the Cathedral Watch as a rest room," he said.

"Fortunately, they were all busy elsewhere in the Cathedral on the look-out for fire bombs.

"The main floor is unusable, partly because of the danger of glass still falling from high windows."

Fire-watchers put out incendiaries which fell on the roof.

Although the main part of the Cathedral is closed, services will be held in the crypt, which can accommodate between 400 and 500 people.

Other places announced as being damaged in recent raids include:

City Temple Church, Chelsea Old Church, Guy's Hospital, Chelsea Royal Hospital, Maples, Christie's and Selfridges.

The oak-panelled court room of Guy's Hospital, dating back to about 1760, was destroyed.

Maples was burned out, and damage was caused to two floors of Selfridge's building, but the store re-opened after a day's respite.

Five firewatchers were killed in Chelsea Old Church. They ran into the building as they heard the bomb falling, and the church received a direct hit.

Carrying On

Bombs and fire have reduced Christie's auction rooms to blackened walls and broken masonry. The Great Hall is roofless.

But Sir Alec Martin, a partner of the firm, said:

"I don't think we have lost anything of outstanding value but we cannot be sure until we can get to our strong rooms."

"As soon as possible we hope to revive our charity auctions for the Red Cross and Service Funds by which over £100,000 has been raised."

SUNDAY BAN
UNJUST—BISHOP

The Bishop of Carlisle, Dr. H. H. Williams referring to the refusal of the House of Commons to permit Sunday theatres, says: "Most of us had an uncomfortable feeling that the decision was not wholly just."

"The decision as to how we should spend Sunday may best be left to a Christian man's conscience, provided that he does not neglect the obligation of Christian worship and virtues and the rights and freedom of the Christian community are left unimpaired."

ZAMZAM
SURVIVORS
RELEASED

Mr. W. V. C. Ruxton, President of the British-American Ambulance Corps, announced in New York yesterday the German authorities are releasing 21 American men who survived the Zamzam sinking for return to the U.S.

Mr. Ruxton said the German Government had informed the U.S. State Department the men were going to Lisbon for removal to the U.S. on board the steamer "West Point," which was leaving for Lisbon on July 15 with the Axis consuls on board.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, confirmed Mr. Ruxton's announcement and said the release of the American Zamzam survivors was obtained after extended negotiations with the German Government.—Reuter.

JAPAN
IN A
DILEMMA

COMMENTING ON THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY, A CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT JAPAN HAS NOW "A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" FOR HER SOUTHWARD AND NORTHWARD ADVENTURES BUT SHE IS IN A DILEMMA AND DARE NOT MAKE ANY MOVE AS SHE IS BOGGED DOWN IN CHINA.

Referring to the war in China, the spokesman said that there has been only small-scale fighting in the coastal regions in Kwangtung and Fukien during the past week.—Central News.

POLISH-
SOVIET
TALKS

THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GENERAL SIKORSKI, REPRESENTING THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, AND M. IVAN MAISKY, REPRESENTING THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, CONTINUED AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, participated in the conversations.—Reuter.

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'ANGELS'

The smoke and noise and dust of the Plymouth blitz had scarcely cleared and the people had hardly scrambled from the ruins of their homes when along the debris-strewn road in the dawn light came a food flying squad.

In a few minutes the cooker fires were burning, water was boiling, and hot tea, soup and sandwiches were being served to bombed-out families.

Officially, the women of the squad are known as the Queen's Messengers but the people they have succoured and cheered after their ordeal of fire and bombs call them "Queen's Angels."

Working sometimes eighteen hours at a stretch, these women prepare and serve dozens of meals a day.

At night they take their convoys of canteens, water tanks and store vans into the country and snatch a few hours' sleep, fully dressed, ready to rush to the aid of more blitz victims.

The leader of the convoys is Miss Marion Ratcliff, 26, ex-hospital food supervisor. She had been asleep two hours when the call came in the morning.

In a few minutes the convoys with Marion at the wheel of the leading water tank, was rushing through lanes to the scene of the blitz.

Plymouth now has twenty-two centres at which people are eating daily. For 9d. they can get soup, joint, two vegetables a sweet and a cup of tea.

Plymouth had its fifth blitz in nine nights.

STORE
GOES INTO
STABLE

In an old stable, with one telephone and a paper bag as a "cash register," one of London's big department stores, Thomas Wallis and Company, is showing London how to carry on despite the blitz.

Their store was wrecked in a recent raid. The staff at once moved to the stable, taking their charred records and whatever stock had been salvaged.

Those of the staff who could not be accommodated were placed in jobs with other firms.

Records Salvaged

Records of sales are entered in an exercise book.

"We luckily salvaged our records," an official of the company told the "Daily Mirror."

"Some of them are badly charred, but we shall be able to decipher them because the heat had killed the ink marks."

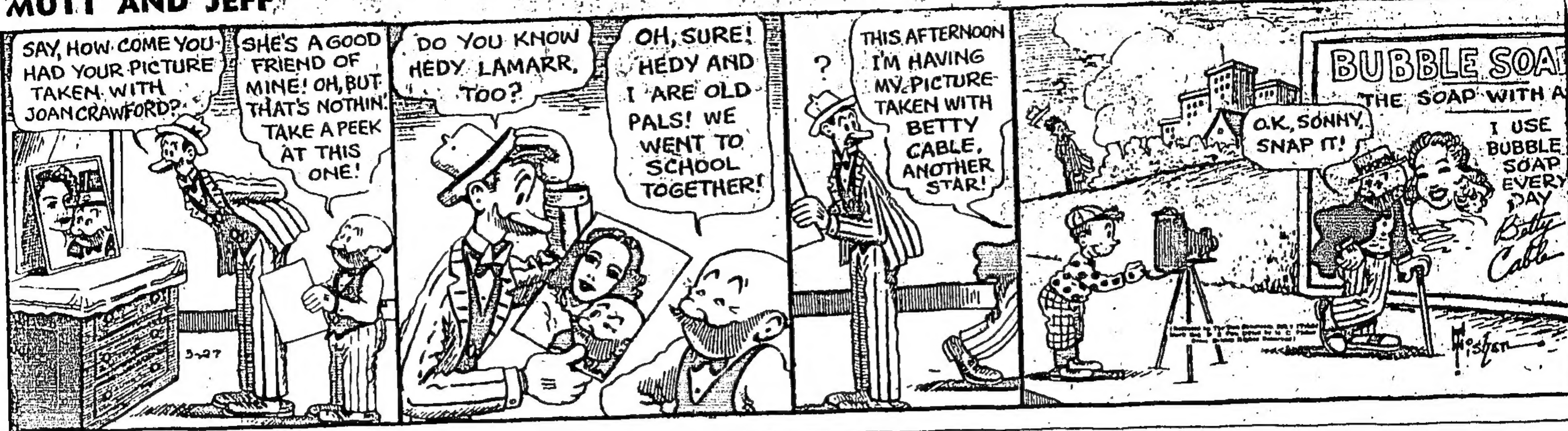
NANKING
HOPES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Vichy and Thailand may be the next to recognise the Wang Ching-wel regime, a "Shanghai Evening Post" reporter was told by Hsu Liang, Nanking Foreign Minister.

"We will treat everyone alike," Liang said, referring to third party powers, adding that Nanking recognition by the Axis did not change the policy to foreigners.

International News Service.



"FIGHTER PILOTS ARE BORN..."

In the piping days of peace a young Pilot Officer stationed at Malta had the dreary task of towing a drogue — that sleeve-like affair on the end of a cable attached to an aircraft, and used as an aerial target by both fighter pilots and anti-aircraft gunners under training. Suddenly the war arrived in the Mediterranean, and our drogue-towing pilot found himself, overnight, a fighter pilot.

There was no time now for training, but he had learned much from those pilots who had tried to shoot holes in the drogues. He had towed for endless hours. He defended Malta from aerial attack to such effect that he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the first to be awarded in the Middle East Command.

He shot down five enemy aircraft and severely damaged many others when Italy launched her aerial attack on the island which she boasted "will be ours a fortnight after we enter the war."

"It was good fun in the early days," he says. "The Italians' base was only eighty miles from Malta but they rarely surprised us on the ground. I can tell you, though, I had ample opportunity of learning to be a fighter pilot — very little theory but lots of practical experience."

This fighter pilot was later sent from Malta to a squadron which was to make a name for itself in a series of epic air battles over the mountains of Albania in the face of almost overwhelming odds. Now a Flight Lieutenant, he was in the great battle of February 28, when we accounted for 27 enemy aircraft definitely destroyed, as well as many seriously damaged, with no loss to ourselves.

His official score is now "seven confirmed" and as many "probables". The "kill" of which he is proudest is the Italian bomber shot down into the sea near Athens, the first to be destroyed in that area and seen by thousands of joyful Athenians.

R.A.F. HAVOC IN GERMAN BASES

Testimony to the success of the British attacks on German naval bases has been provided by a traveller from Germany to the United States. His statements were quoted in a letter from New York received by a London business firm.

"The R.A.F. destroyed all port facilities and factories in Wilhelmshaven," the letter stated. "The workers were evacuated to Bremerhaven but exceedingly severe damage has been done there too, and it is hardly likely that the port is serviceable at present."

"The navy docks and port facilities in Kiel have also been critically damaged, and the success in destroying this harbour is only second to Wilhelmshaven."

"My informant was in Hamburg at the end of February. By that time the damage done to Hamburg was severe, but not sufficient vitally to cripple the port or the city."

"In Berlin the Germans have an ingenious method of concealing damage. The building hit is torn down so quickly and levelled to serve as a parking place that unless very familiar with the neighbourhood, one would hardly realise that a day or two before there was an apartment house."

BETTER TANKS FOR BRITAIN

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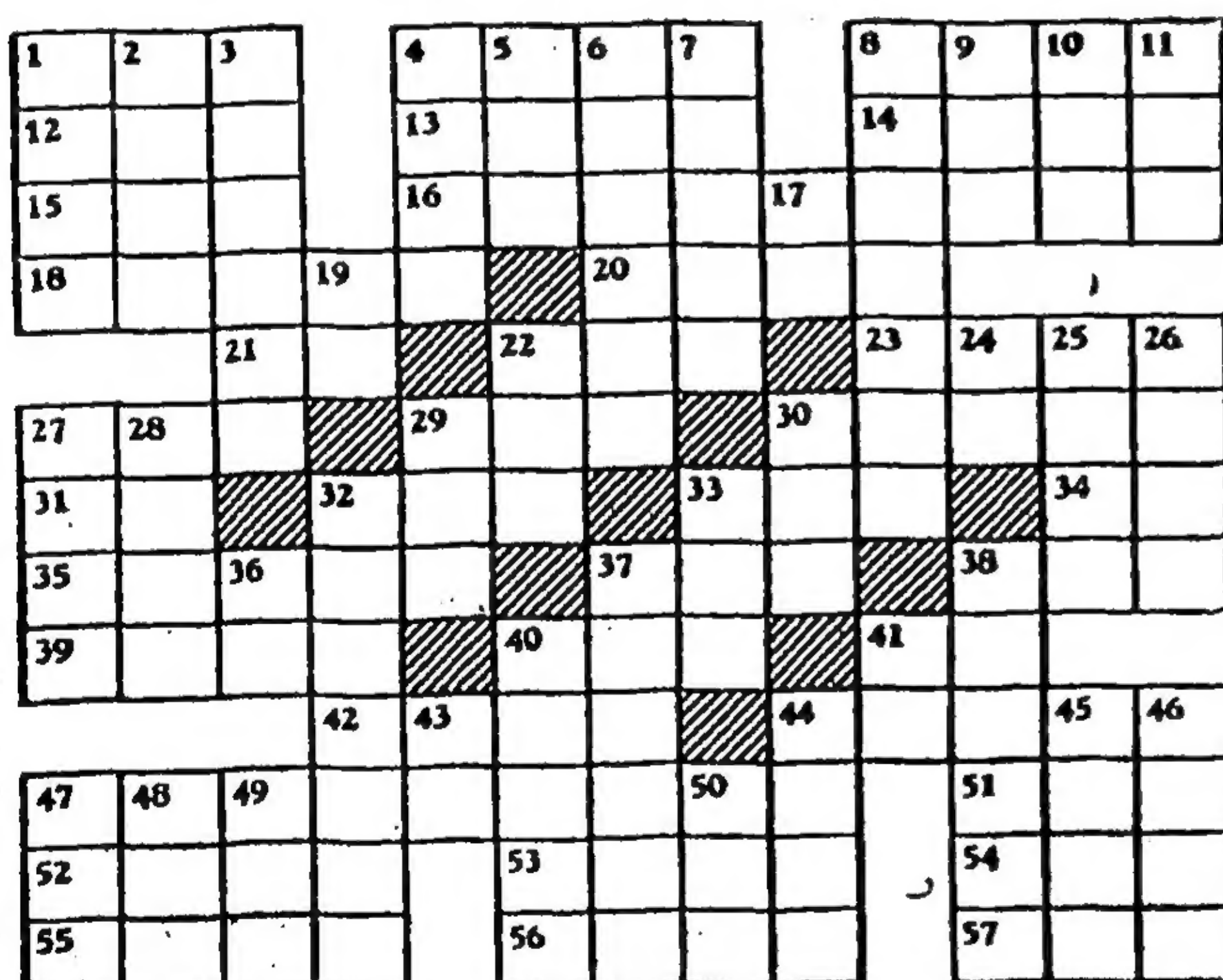
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- 15 Poetic; at any time
- 16 Unmethodical
- 18 Confederate statesman
- 20 Leg joint
- 21 Printer's measure
- 22 Wager
- 23 Back of the neck
- 27 Slang; friend
- 28 Food fish
- 30 Tangle
- 31 Article
- 32 To talk idly
- 33 Meadow
- 34 White down
- 35 To bend down
- 37 Price
- 38 Seeding organ
- 39 Row
- 40 Secreted
- 41 Chopping tool
- 42 Persia

- 44 Group of eight
- 47 Overissue of currency
- 51 Silkworm
- 52 River-duck
- 53 Nobleman
- 54 Nothing
- 55 Bristle
- 56 To kill
- 57 River in England

VERTICAL

- 1 Tall grass
- 2 Plane surface
- 3 To be affected with wonder
- 4 Cushions
- 5 Part of "to be"
- 6 Chanced
- 7 Sarcastic remark
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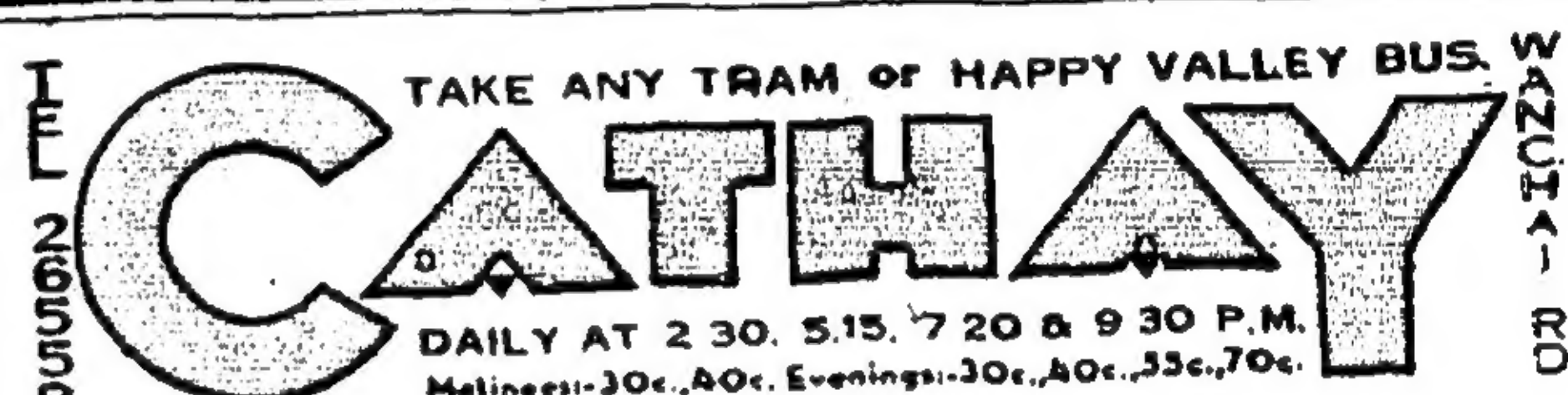


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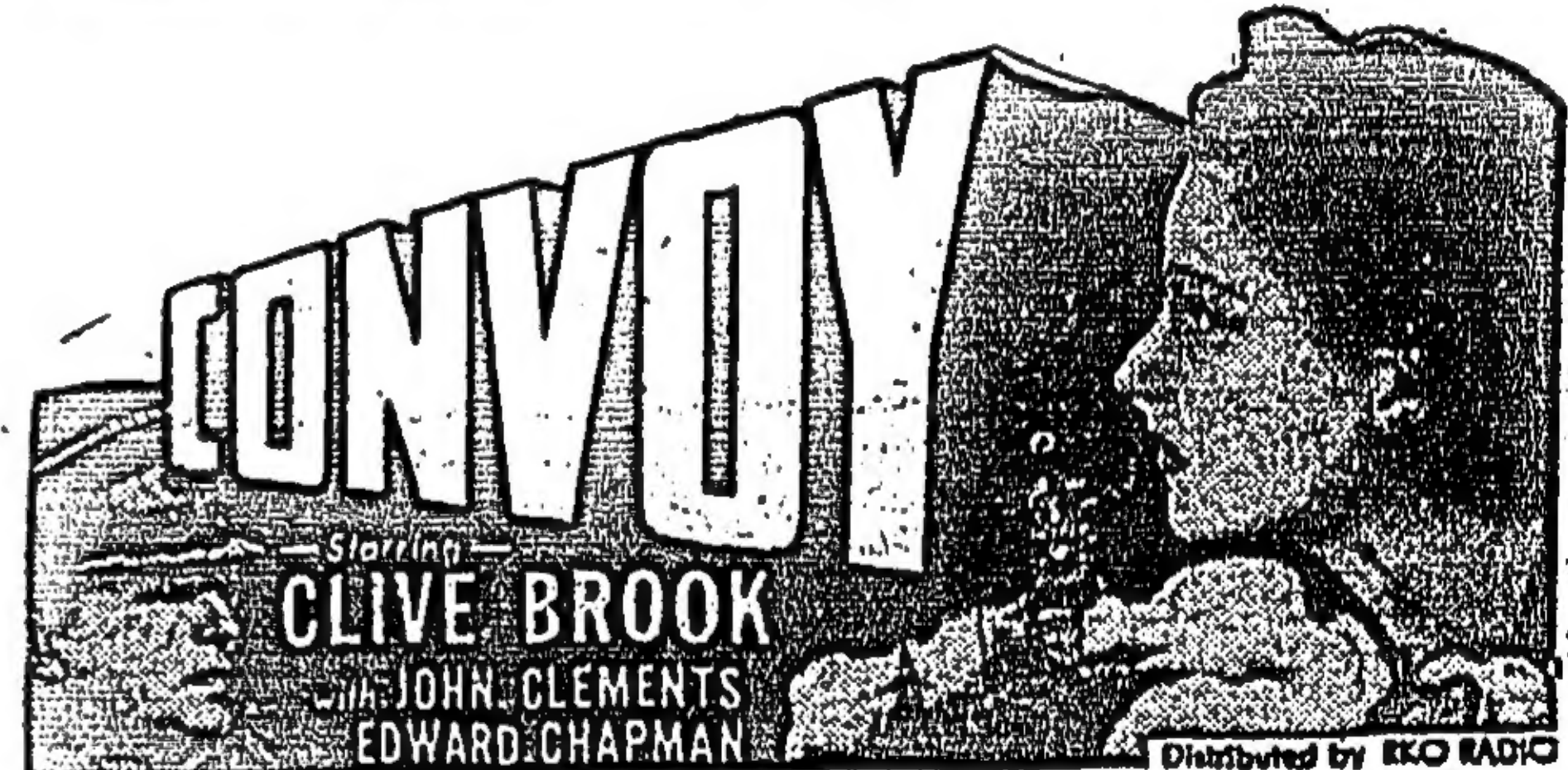
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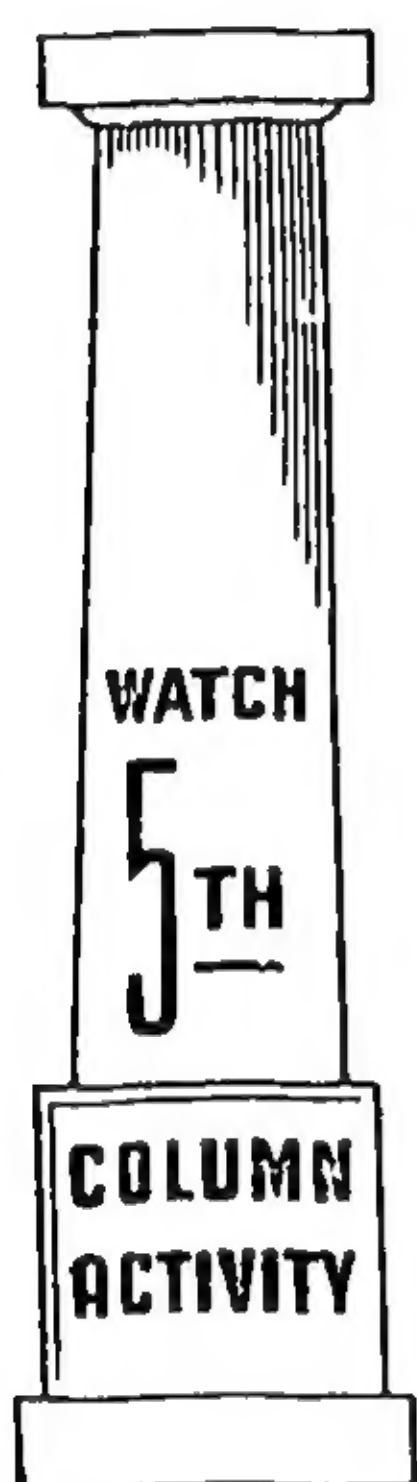
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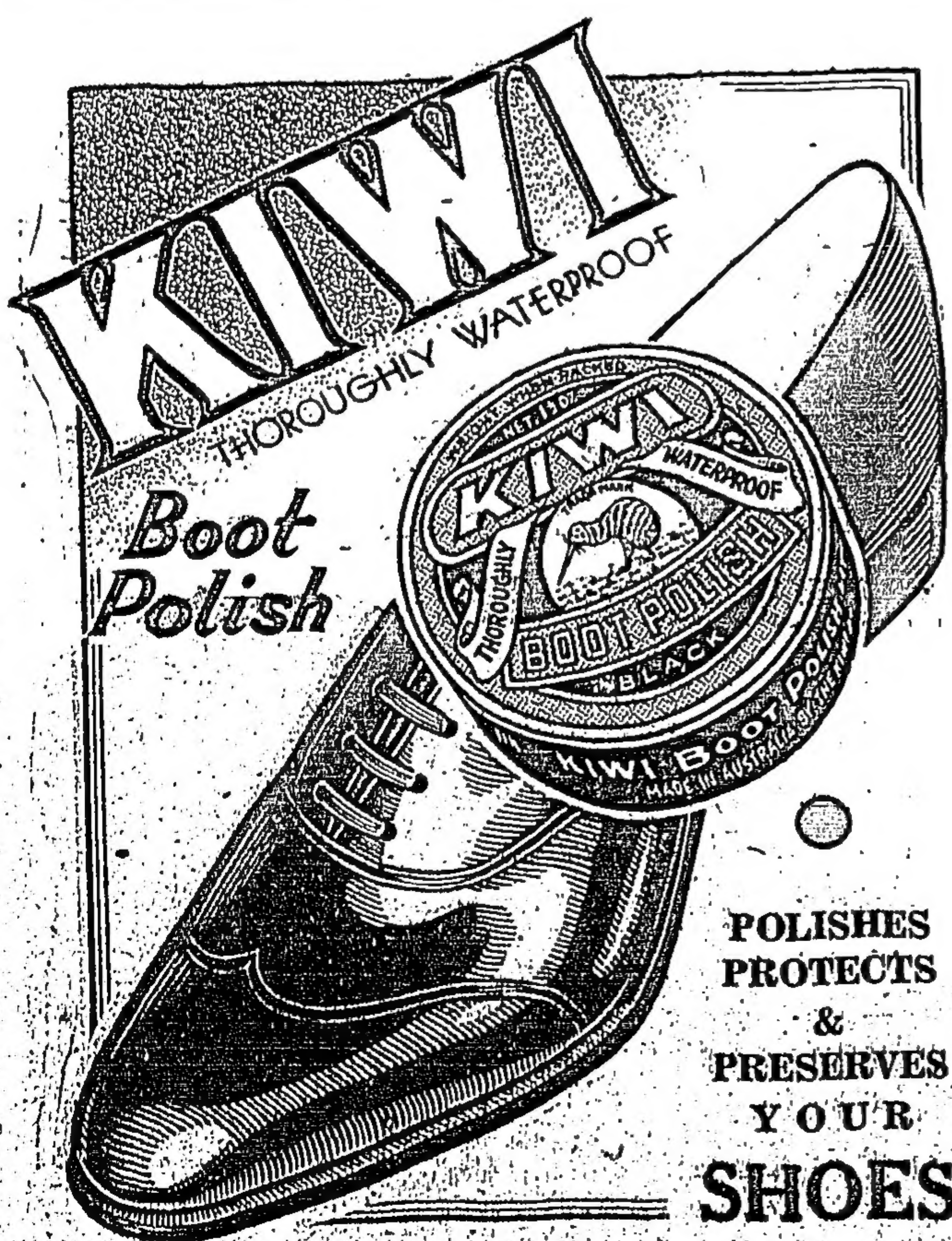


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FIRST FULL STORY OF GREEK EVACUATION

WITHDRAWAL UNDER HAIL OF BOMBS

(From RICHARD McMILLAN, who was a Special Correspondent with the British Forces in Greece)

I CAN NOW TELL THE FIRST FULL STORY OF THE EVACUATION OF GREECE AND THE HEROIC REARGUARD ACTIONS WHICH MADE THIS SECOND MIRACLE OF DUNKIRK POSSIBLE.

In some ways the safe withdrawal of the majority of our 60,000 troops from Greece was an even greater achievement than the Flanders evacuation.

That at least is the opinion of scores of men with whom I talked who had been in both operations. "The bombing we had at Dunkirk was nothing to what we had in Greece," they all told me.

In other ways it was like Dunkirk all over again. Transports and warships worked inshore to the beaches in spite of hordes of German dive-bombers and brought off many thousands of men night after night.

In the day time the troops waiting to be embarked hid from the Nazi bombers in wheatfields and among rocks, just as at Dunkirk they hid among the sand dunes.

The evacuation was carried out from three ports. I embarked on a convoy with 11,500 troops from one of these ports after hiding a whole day on the shore while the German bombers tried to blast the harbour into a flaming ruin.

Crowded Convoy

Our convoy consisted of large merchantmen, cruisers and destroyers, all loaded almost to the rigging with troops.

R.A.F. nurses were there, too, and a number of Australian nurses, although the majority of nurses were British.

There was one unforgettable sight. As the B.E.F. moved down to the beaches, the British wounded who had been tended in Greek hospitals got out of their beds and hobbled along to join them.

They hopped along through the twilight singing the songs of their fathers. There was "Tipperary" and "Pack up your troubles."

More than 50 wounded were loaded from barges to our ship. They were tended by a famous Australian doctor, by a Canadian ship's doctor and by other doctors. All day and all night long operations went on, while the ship zigzagged to try to avoid the dive-bombers above.

On shore the R.A.F. surgeon had operated for 36 hours in a church, his operating table a stretcher placed on two chairs, while overhead waves of Nazi bombers poured down their rain of bombs on the town.

No Disorder

There was no panic, no disorder. The troops filed back from the front three abreast in endless file. They marched under the scented and bomb-torn sycamore trees, flanked by fields of scarlet poppies, much as they looked in Flanders more than 20 years ago.

The scene at the embarkation port was a fantastic one. Day and night thousands upon thousands of men had poured into the town from all parts of the line.

Then, like the children who followed the Pied Piper, they disappeared into the hillsides and the wheatfields and were merged with the countryside.

All day long we lay hidden among the rocks and the fields of poppies while the German pilots scoured the countryside seeking us.

Once we ventured out and were caught in a terrific bomb and machine-gun attack. One bomb fell a few yards ahead of a car on the running board of which I was riding.

A great wall of flame curtained the road and the blast blew over the lorry behind us, killing two occupants and wounding a third.

All day long, too, the enemy dropped magnetic mines into the harbour. They bombed the docks and fired a Greek munitions ship. They strafed every inch of road and every acre of the adjoining fields, and then flew to sea to meet the incoming armada which had been sent to rescue the B.E.F.

Early in the evening the word came to us that the Navy and the Merchant Marine were hastening to our rescue.

Our major then gave the order: "All proceed by the road, three abreast. If anybody falls out on account of bombing or machine-gunning, he will be left behind."

We had a four-mile trek before us. We joined in with winding columns of men, Australians, British, R.A.F. and infantry, until, in the darkness, we reached the crossroads near the harbour. There another river of humanity was flowing from the front, some in lorries, many walking.

"Jerry is near Athens," they told us.

Dawn Dogfights

After that, they all had the same story to tell: "Their bombers never left us. If only we could have fought them off, we could have held Jerry."

By the flickering light of the burning munitions ship the Navy handled the embarkation with usual efficiency. We poured into the bowels of ships loaded with soldiers and surrounded with warcraft of all sizes.

The skies were guarded by fighters and fighter-bombers, which drove off the dive-bombers in dog-fights as the armada drew off from the shores of Greece a couple of hours before dawn.

Imagine 5,000 officers and men jammed into a cargo boat and you will get an idea of our overloaded ship. In the small saloon sleep-hungry officers sprawled over each other.

R.A.F. pilots who had lost their planes were there, still in their flying kit. There were brass hats and young subalterns, padres and blackbereted tank men.

Valiant Gunners

Standing in a corner as the ship zigzagged over the warm Mediterranean under a burning sun, an Australian brigadier recounted with glowing praise the valour of the artillery.

"The Jerries came through en masse and the artillery gave them hell," he said. "We saw a thousand at a time disappear. More thousands came on, to meet the same fate."

"The gunners held their position and kept firing until the enemy infiltrated and opened on them with rifles."

The brigadier related how Australian gunners, south of Elassan, found a dump of 10,000 rounds of ammunition for 25-pounders.

"They fired every round of it, causing a holocaust among the enemy," he said.

The same officer said that the casualties of the Imperial Forces would have been heavier if it had not been for the sappers blowing up bridges to delay the Nazi advance.

"Thank God for them," he said. Another Australian told me how his brigade escaped disaster at Servia by withdrawing over a bridgeless river 160ft wide. The sappers made a trestle bridge, but this left a gap of 50ft.

The gap was filled with a huge tree-trunk, and every Aussie there passed over it safely.

The evacuation, of course, would never have been possible

had it not been preceded and covered by a magnificent rearguard action.

Anzac forces with British gunners behind them held up the Germans day after day until sheer numbers and mechanical strength forced them to retreat.

The German infantry were driven like cattle to the slaughter against the New Zealanders fighting to the last in the Pass of Thermopylae.

There New Zealanders, including many Maoris, made their names as deathless as the ancient Spartans as they took the full shock of fresh enemy divisions and new tank squadrons.

Under their withering fire the pass was filled with the bodies of German dead. Grimly hanging on to their lines in a magnificent delaying action the New Zealanders held up the Germans while the bulk of the Expeditionary Force hurried to a secret rendezvous on the coast.

While the New Zealanders held Thermopylae, Australian units, backed by British artillery, held the Brallos Pass in the mountains south of Lamia.

The big German assault came in two prongs against this British line, one attack directed at Thermopylae and the other at Brallos.

A New Zealander who fought at Thermopylae told me: "It was sheer weight of numbers, combined with overwhelming air superiority, which won the battle for the enemy."

"Our platoons were sometimes separated by a third of a mile while, when we sent out patrols of five and six men, they encountered enemy patrols as strong as 400 men."

"We smashed plenty of tanks, but still they came on. The infantry was entirely Austrian, and of poor quality—just cannon fodder."

"We took 200 prisoners, but Jerry machine-gunned them from the air and killed some of them."

A young British artillery captain, whose home is in Wolverhampton, and who fired the first shot in the battle for Servia pass, told me: "We got direct hits on the German lorries filled with troops and blew them skyhigh. We knocked out their tanks in the same way."

"It was a massacre and it was physically impossible for us to keep on killing."

Navy Braved Bombing

The story of the heroism of the rearguards is matched by that of the Royal Navy, which at many points carried out the re-embarkation under the heaviest of bombings.

One of the barges conveying our contingent capsized in the darkness. Two ship's officers dived and rescued heavily accoutred Tommies who were drowning.

The cruisers and destroyers which protected the embarkation had twice engaged in an A.A. duel with German and Italian dive-bombers in the open sea before they reached their destination.

The three main causes of the failure of the Balkan campaign were:

1. The curtailment of our effort by the German diversion in Libya.
 2. The Greeks could not stand the strain of mechanised and air warfare against an enemy vastly superior to the Italians.
 3. The numerical superiority of the Germans, both on land and in the air, was too great.
- Hitler and Brauchitsch threw in masses of Austrians to be killed en masse, while Goering used vast numbers of planes as artillery in the front lines and as ground strafers behind the lines.

He also checked the R.A.F.'s counter-offensive by bombing every airfield we used.

PAPER CLOSES DOWN

After an existence of 111 years, the "Boston Evening Transcript," one of America's most famous newspapers, suspended publication with the afternoon edition, says Reuter.

Last-minute efforts to raise sufficient financial support to carry on the paper were unsuccessful.



A NEW PERSPECTIVE

The continuing battle in the Near East has been so overshadowed by the deadly duel of giants in Russia that the Mediterranean front, until recently the centre and crux of the war drama, has become again a secondary front. Compared to the thunderous developments in Russia, the advances and retreats in Egypt, East Africa and Syria seem to be minor engagements, as indeed they are in the panoramic theatre of an intercontinental war. Britain, incidentally has hailed President Roosevelt's announcement of action to protect the ocean highroads implied by occupation of Iceland as more momentous than the fall of France, and this measure of American intervention sets the scale and establishes the proportion between the campaign for the Suez and the fight for the Atlantic. There can be no doubt that at this juncture the British lifeline is the supply line, and that the existence of Britain depends far less on the open gates of the Mediterranean than on the open lanes of the Atlantic.

But that does not imply that the battle for the road to India and the bases of imperial power is not an important battle. When the British gave ground in Crete, they did not lose a vital position, but they gave the Germans another stepping-stone out of Europe. When the Axis forces inch their way beyond the famous "Hellfire pass," they gain nothing but a few miles of scorching sand, but they indicate that they are not withdrawing because of the heavy reinforcements the British are piling up in preparation for the coming fight for Egypt.

Everything that has happened in the Mediterranean is only preliminary to the real battle. It looks as if Syria may soon cease to be a tragic testing ground, ending one of the most painful chapters of the war. But here, as everywhere else, the campaign is in suspense, and in the new perspective opened up by the Russian battle front and by the decisive stand of the American Government its development hinges on what happens beyond the Mediterranean, and especially on what happens on the American side of the Atlantic.



NOW OR NEVER!

A New Appraisal

This article was written by the distinguished French dramatist Henry Bernstein, exiled by the Vichy Government.

If Marshal Petain had not existed, the history of the second world war would have been very different. Hitler, who is primarily a diplomatic genius, always finds the necessary man. He found Hindenburg to give him Germany. He found another marshal, another octogenarian, to give him France.

The name of Marshal Petain has been a shield and a guarantee to those Frenchmen who were motivated by cowardice, defeatism and treason.

It is because Marshal Petain took upon himself the responsibilities of capitulation that the French Government remained in France and that the most terrible armistice in history was signed.

What advantage did France receive in exchange for this fatal action? None whatever. The Continent does not contain an occupied and an unoccupied France. There is but one France, betrayed, wholly abandoned to Germany. What value has unoccupied France? Its people are as miserable as those of occupied France; the German law falls on them as inexorably, as completely. Unoccupied France is the basic weakness of France today.

But if France had not had her "strong man," the story would have been different. Without Petain, the Reynaud Cabinet would not have resigned on June 16, 1940, but would have been obliged to remain in power and carry out the principles which it had constantly affirmed—continuing the war at the side of its ally England.

The French Government would have moved to Africa; and the French fleet would have joined forces with the British navy. The Mediterranean would have been our sea, and North Africa would soon have been wholly ours and inviolable.

The Present Situation

Compare this with the present situation.

For two reasons it seems essential to me that the whole story should be told:

First, because the American people are entitled to know the truth. Second, to exonerate my unhappy countrymen, who have been led blindfolded and shackled down a dark path whose end we cannot foresee.

I make the following statements, the truth of which will be substantiated not by arguments or

discussion but by incontestable fact:

His Real Character

Marshal Petain's real character is entirely unknown to Americans.

Marshal Petain was not the savior of Verdun, as is generally believed. Verdun was saved in spite of Marshal Petain.

Marshal Petain, during the Battle of the Somme, in March, 1918, wanted to abandon the English, as he did in 1940, and was ready

By Henry Bernstein

to ask for an armistice and a shameful peace. If it had depended entirely on him, Germany would have won the first World War.

Marshal Petain's work since 1918 lends itself to the gravest criticisms, and he is chiefly responsible for the state of unpreparedness in which France found herself in September, 1939.

Close To Totalitarians

Marshal Petain, since 1934, and perhaps an even earlier date, has been closely associated with the strongest partisans in France of the totalitarian powers.

Marshal Petain up until the day of defeat, displayed neither frankness nor moral courage, for while Frenchmen predicted publicly our defeat and recommended an understanding with Germany, he kept absolutely silent in regard to his private convictions and never spoke a word of warning to the French people.

Marshal Petain's activities during the war of 1939-40 are equally as culpable, as those of certain military leaders who have been condemned for communication with the enemy.

Described By Associates

The portrait of Marshal Petain in the first World War has been drawn by four outstanding Frenchmen and by a great English soldier. It is they, and one or two other competent men, who will tell you in unequivocal terms the part Petain played in 1916 and in 1918.

Raymond Poincaré, Georges Clemenceau, Joffre, Foch—whom Rome would have placed among her most glorious consuls and

generals—were the saviours of France.

Field Marshal Sir Archibald Montgomery-Massingberd, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., was during the war of 1914 major general and chief of staff of the Fourth British Army. Even then he seemed destined for the high rank which he has since attained, after having been chief of the imperial general staff and aide-de-camp general to the King.

Tale Of A Conference

This military leader wrote in *The Navy*, August, 1940, the following lines:

"The surrender of the Bordeaux Government came as another unpleasant surprise to most people in England, but, once Petain entered the Government, some such development was to be expected. At the Doullens conference, on March 26, 1918, at which Foch was appointed generalissimo, Petain tried to let us down in a very similar manner, and wished the French army to retire to a position covering Paris leaving us to face the German onslaught alone, and allowing the Germans to separate the British and French armies.

"I have never heard a senior general 'fold off' in public as was Petain by Foch on that occasion. But Foch was a great gentleman, and treachery was completely foreign to his nature."

A Gallant Soldier

Field Marshal Montgomery-Massingberd is, I understand, a gallant soldier and a man of honour, and it must have cost him something to make so severe a statement and to bring such an accusation against Marshal Petain—that is, against a French general in command before the enemy.

We will ask the great Frenchmen whose names we have mentioned whether this judgment is merited and what the conduct of Marshal Petain was:

1. In 1916, at Verdun.
2. In March, 1918, when the balance of fate fluctuated wildly, and we nearly lost the war by a knockout blow.

The hero of Verdun! That is the phrase which has made the marshal famous.

The world has been led to believe that when, in 1916, the German staff, for tactical and strategic reasons, made the taking of Verdun its prime object, that fortified city resisted the heaviest attack of the war due to the brilliance and the determination of Petain. Brave words of con-

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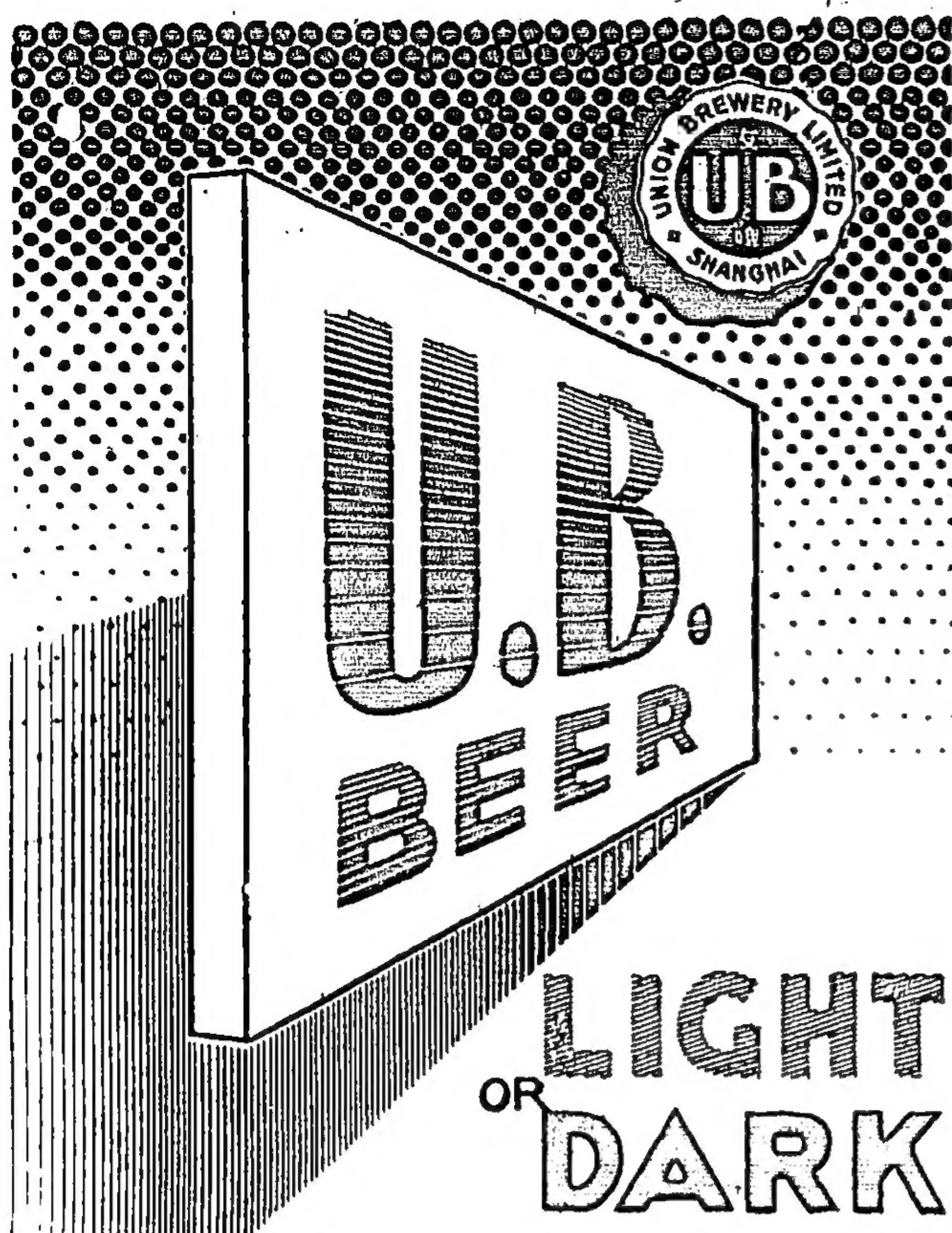
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U-BOAT FIRES ON WOMEN & BABIES

WOMEN AND CHILDREN, including babies in arms, who were shelled by a German U-boat as they were leaving a torpedoed ship in the Atlantic, have been landed at a British port. The victims were the survivors who were seen drifting in nine lifeboats by a Catalina flying-boat pilot.

Some of the crew of the ship were killed when the torpedo struck and another man was killed during the shelling. All the women and children were got away safely.

PADRE OF SIEGE IS VICTIM

Fighter and bomber pilots, men of the heroic garrison, German and Italian prisoners all knew the Padre of Tobruk.

This tall, fair-haired young man, James Ernest Cox, who left a pleasant living as vicar of Holy Trinity, Redhill, Surrey, to share with the men of the Imperial Forces the hardships and dangers of desert warfare, was loved by them all.

Now They Mourn Him . . . There was always a smile on his lips, a smile to cheer the wounded, to give confidence to the dying, to inspire the men who every day and night stood ready to give or receive the blows that might mean victory or defeat in this North African fortress town.

Shot Down By Nazis

He was always the first on the scene when planes crashed or men baled out.

It was the Germans who shot him down as he was flying from Tobruk.

He had just waved "Good-bye" to the boys he loved. "I shall be back with you soon," he said. Those were his last words.

His memory lives in the hearts of the men of Tobruk.

"A very charming gentleman, with the spirit of a leader and the heart of a lion," was how the present vicar of the Redhill church, the Rev. H. A. Evan Hopkins, described him.

"I knew him at college, at Oxford. He was my friend. He was a man's man."

"CUSHY" SOLDIER TO GO

A complete comb-out of "cushy jobs" in the Army—non-combatant posts held by officers and men—is being made by the War Office.

Women will take the men's places.

Army divisions and H.Q.'s are making suggestions as to what duties at present carried out by men could be handed over to the A.T.S.

Such jobs as storekeepers, clerks, cooks, drivers, mess orderlies, mechanical maintenance and telephonists come into this category.

SHE GAVE UP HER PARTY

Instead of giving a party to celebrate their daughter's "coming-out," her parents in Connecticut, U.S.A., decided that the money would be better used for British war relief. Their gift paid for a Y.M.C.A. tea car, which is now at work in North-East England.

The vessel was torpedoed early in the morning. The survivors were in their lifeboats for 21 hours before they were picked up.

Immediately the torpedo struck, the ship's company saw that every-one was at the boat stations. The women and children went quickly to their places and even when the U-boat surfaced and shelled them for 15 minutes there was not the slightest sign of panic. A number of the women had already undergone severe bombing in London and described themselves as "veterans."

Babies Slept Through It

The babies were lowered into the lifeboats in sacks. Most of them slept all the time.

Just before the lifeboats had cleared the ship the U-boat surfaced a second time and resumed shelling. Nobody was seriously hurt.

The boats kept in touch by flash-lamp signals and were moving in a line when the flying boat spotted them and signalled that assistance was coming.

The ship's guns opened fire on the submarine and there was a duel which lasted some time.

A London woman said: "When I was in the lifeboat I thought that if it were all a dream it was not so very bad after all. I have been through some of the worst London raids and felt almost a veteran so far as the shells was concerned."

Mrs. Summer, of Birmingham, who had with her a month-old baby and 12-year-old twins, said that when she heard the explosion all she could do was to grab the baby with one hand and lead the twins with the other.

"After being lowered into the lifeboat with the baby I waited for the twins to come down. I forgot to take the baby's special food but a woman, from London I believe, went back for it."

"By the time she got back on to the deck we had pulled away. She was saved, however, and handed over the food 21 hours later. While we were in the lifeboat the baby cut its first tooth."

Mrs. Roberts of London, became separated from her 6-year-old son and did not see him until

PICKS A TYPIST FOR HER HUSBAND

A wife who suffered from "insensate jealousy" insisted on interviewing a typist before her husband could engage her.

This was revealed by the President, Lord Merriman, in the Divorce Court when he granted a decree nisi to Mr. Ernest Hudspith, of Carnarvon Road, Norwich, a district secretary of a friendly society.

Mr. Hudspith charged his wife Elizabeth, of Havelock Road, Norwich, with cruelty. The Judge gave her leave to apply for a compassionate allowance.

Wife's Jealousy

"This wife," Lord Merriman said, "has been described as domineering, self-willed, masterful and possessive. I prefer the old-fashioned term jealousy."

"The case against her was that her conduct was actuated by an insensate jealousy in respect particularly of her husband's supposed improper associations with female members of his office staff."

"There is no allegation that there was any truth in the suspicions, innuendoes and open accusations the wife was making."

In 1939 there was occasion to engage a new typist, and by her own admission, Mrs. Hudspith insisted upon interviewing her before her engagement.

HONG KONG THANKED

The following telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

"Please inform Legislative Council that His Majesty's Government are most appreciative of the Hong Kong Government's decision to bear the cost of four minesweepers at present under construction in Hong Kong for the Admiralty, and especially since they are aware of the considerable expenditure which the Colony is at present incurring on local defensive measures."

she was going on board the war-ship.

Mr. W. J. Smith, of Gillingham, said, "If the plane had been half an hour earlier we would not have been seen. It was just growing light when the flying-boat crew spotted the oily patch on the sea and cruised around until it spotted the lifeboats."



WHODUNIT? ASKS KAY KYBER — "You'll Find Out" as soon as he does in the haunt and harmony, spook and swing mystery melodrama of that title. In which, as pictured above, Ginny Blinn, Helen Parrish, Boris Karloff, Peter Lorre and Bea Lugosi, gather 'round Kay Kyser to provide thrills and thrills. It's band leader Kyser's second starring picture and a genuine screen novelty produced and directed by David Butler with music by James McHugh and John Mercer, for RKO Radio release. At the King's tomorrow.



DAGGERS, DYNAMITE AND GATS — All the tricks of the trade of skulduggery are practiced by Bela Lugosi, Peter Lorre and Boris Karloff, Hollywood's most popular merchants of menace, in "You'll Find Out" starring Kay Kyser with his band and the College of Musical Knowledge. It's an RKO Radio picture produced and directed by David Butler to combine comedy and mystery in a laugh-thriller. At the King's to-morrow.

DARING EXPLOITS OF OUR AIRMEN IN DESERT WAR

SQUADRONS OF THE South African Air Force, which have so greatly distinguished themselves in the East African campaign, have now arrived in Egypt, and form a welcome reinforcement to our air arm now hotly engaged on the Libyan frontier, writes a Home correspondent.

Seated sipping a cup of tea one afternoon in the mess of a bomber squadron somewhere in the Western Desert, a young Dorset man told me of a remarkable exploit executed that morning.

"I was out on a solo flight," he said, "with orders to search for and strafe troops and mechanised concentrations on the escarpment. I found nothing, however, until I reached Hellfire Pass. Here there was a large concentration. Approaching quite low I was amazed to see the troops waving what looked like a red flag. This turned out to be a Nazi flag with a black swastika on it.

Column Heavily Gunned

"Realising that my plane had been mistaken for a German machine, I came lower still and let fly. I traversed the whole length of the column and traversed it several times machine-gunning as I went.

"Not a shot was fired at me. They were all too surprised, and I got away scatheless."

The pilot modestly refused to specify the amount of damage he had done, merely saying that it must have been extensive as he was practically skimming the ground. There is every reason to believe, however, that this daring exploit completely dislocated the column and caused considerable casualties to vehicles and men.

The same young pilot went on to tell me of a recent raid which he made on Benghazi with three other planes.

A.A. Men Surprised

"We came down through the cloud at 1,000 feet," he said "right across the centre of the town and straight over the harbour, and had registered direct hits on the quays and shipping, before the ground defenders, whom we could see running to the A.A. guns could operate.

"Returning quite low across the town, we could see people walking in the streets, apparently quite unaware that enemy bombers were passing overhead, for most of them did not even look up. We really enjoyed that outing."

This youngster—he is 25 and looks barely 20—belongs to one of the squadrons which recently has been bombing behind the enemy lines so consistently and so successfully.

During the past four weeks they alone have carried out 600

such raids, and some of the pilots have done over 80 hours' flying.

Men of this squadron, whose average age is 25, are typical of the R.A.F. pilots engaged in the desert war. Seeing them at their mess you would never think they were playing such a notable part in this great Empire battle, taking such risks and registering such success. Their talk is mostly that of normal fellows of their age during wartime; they speak very rarely of their fighting exploits.

It is when you follow them, as I did one day, into an operations room and watch a party preparing for a raid under the direction of a squadron leader or adjutant, that you realise the fine calibre and efficiency which lie behind all this innate modesty.

Incidentally, this squadron came down at the end of March from Eritrea, where it had played a big part in the successful work of the R.A.F. there, sinking several ships in the Red Sea, including a destroyer at Massawa.

Air Chief's Confidence

Ironically, this is one of the squadrons which in the last war were sent to Italy after Caporetto to help stop the rot, and it received a gold medallion from King Victor Emmanuel to commemorate the assistance given.

These bomber squadrons are carrying on the work which they began so successfully during our offensive which drove the Italians out of Cyrenaica.

The fact that Italian air intervention diminished rapidly, until at the end it had ceased to exist, was due, apart from the admirable work of our fighters, to our persistent bombing and machine-gunning of aerodromes and aeroplanes on the ground behind the lines back as far as Tripoli.

The Canadian air commodore who so ably directed these operations is now again charged with the same task. He informed me recently that he is intensifying the present strafing of aerodromes.

He was confident, he added, that with the experience gained in the last campaign his "fine boys" would be even more successful in this new phase of the Battle of the Middle East.

ODD FACT

The world's tallest family seems to be that of Hiram Bogue, 7ft. farmer of Underhill, Vermont, U.S.A.

When he died recently, the bearers at the funeral were his sons: Max, 7ft.; Arthur, Leland, Alvin, Howard, 6ft. 6in. each; and their little brother, Homer, only 6ft. 3in.

Also present were another son, Roy, 6ft. 4in., and two daughters, each 6ft. 2in.

Mrs. Bogue was only 5ft. 10in. tall.

MAJOR'S DEATH LETTER

"My faith in you has been sadly displaced," was a passage in an officer's farewell note to an attractive brunette who, at the inquest at Leicester on Major Morgan William Holmes, 60, declared their friendship was purely platonic.

Major Holmes, a native of Leeds, was a gunnery expert and had been a big game hunter. He was found shot dead in bed. His collie dog was shot beside him.

Suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed was the verdict.

Daphne Marie Harrison said she met Major Holmes when she was employed in a Leicester hotel.

"Pestered To Wed"

He had pestered her to marry him and once said that if she did not do so he should, as he would shoot her and then himself.

Coroner: You have been involved in Court proceedings?—Yes.

Miss Harrison said she had borrowed £50 from the major. The money had been repaid.

He told her he had made his will in her favour and had left her his late wife's jewellery.

Miss Harrison added that Major Holmes apparently had been asking lots of other girls to marry him.

Major F. J. Diggins said Major Holmes had been awaiting an investigation into allegations concerning financial matters.

The coroner said that in a letter addressed to "My dear Daphne," the major wrote: "Somehow you seem to have changed completely towards me."

"I have always tried my best to help and please you. I feel now I am not wanted any longer."

"You have showed no gratitude for what I have done, only abused me. No man could have been better to you than I have been. I wish you luck."

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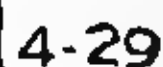
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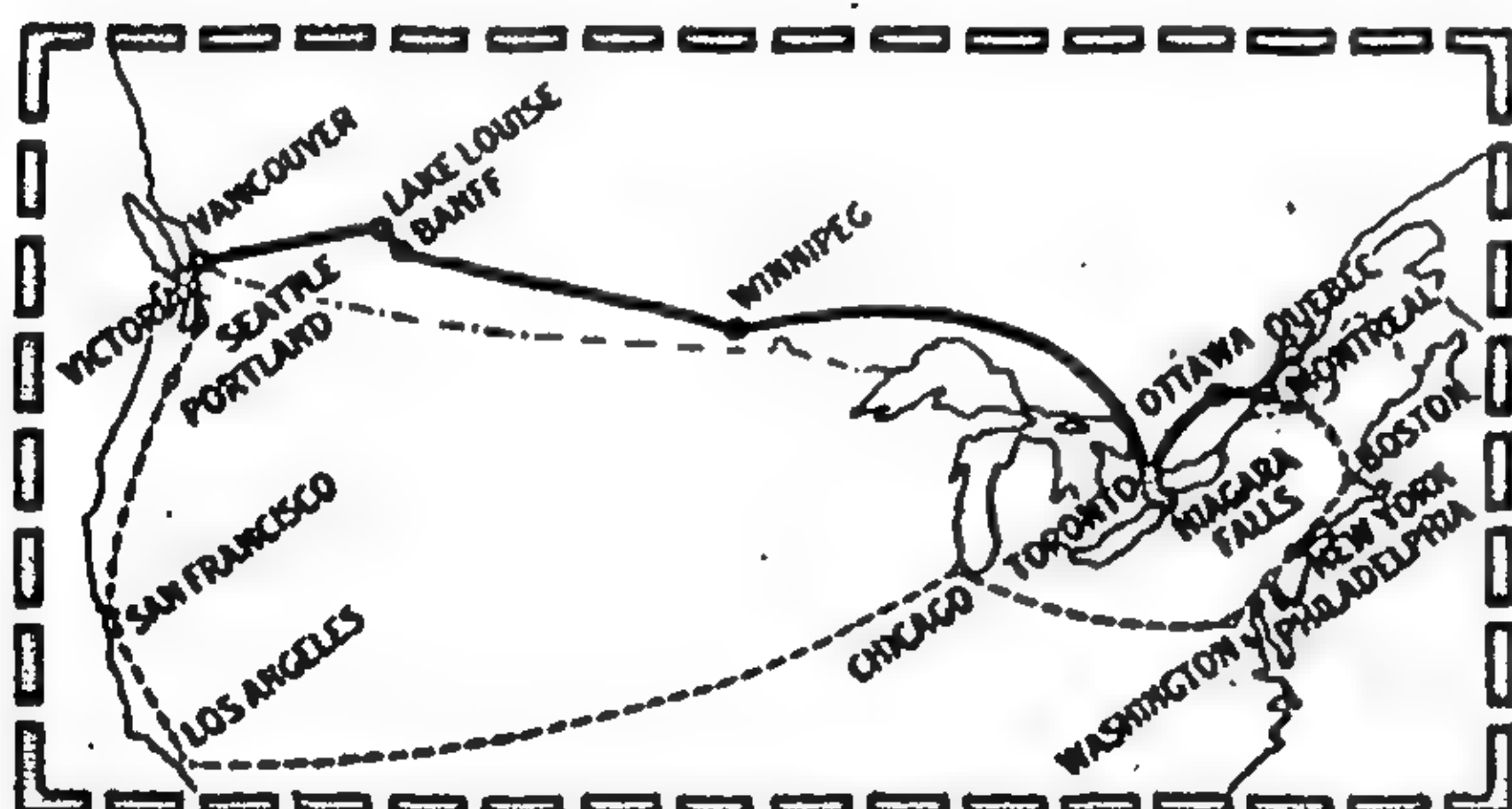
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—The London Piano Accordion Band and Elsie Carlisle.

Hawaiian Paradise (Harry Owens); Dream Time (Davis & Coots); The London Piano Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

The Moon Remembered But You Forgot (Gay, Eytan) (from 'Let's Be Famous')... Elsie Carlisle (Vocal).

They Would Wind Him Up And He Would Whistle (Kalmár, Ruby); Little Patchy Trousers (Nool & Pelosi)... The London Piano Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

Shake Down the Stars (De Lange, Van Heusen); Tiggery-Böo (Hallifax)... Elsie Carlisle (Vocal).

All Pals Together (Sloan); Let The Curtain Come Down (Newman)... The London Piano Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—A Popular Light Classical Programme.

Black Eyes—Russian Gypsy Song (Ferraris); Pizzicato—Intermezzo (Muh) ... Willy Steiner & his Salon Orchestra.

Elegie (Massenet-Gallet); Serenade (Toselli-D'Amor)... Ninon Vallin (Soprano) accomp. by piano and violoncello.

Liebestraum (Liszt)... Eileen Joyce (Piano).

Praeludium (Jarnefelt); Borceuse (Jarnefelt) ... John Barbirolli & his Orchestra.

Where'er You Walk (Handel)... John McCormack (Tenor) with Orch.

Handkerchief Dance (Crainger)... Mark Hambourg (Piano).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.

C. B. Cochran Medley: As You Were; Algar; League Of Nations; On With The Dance; Blackbirds; One Dam Thing After Another; This Year of Grace... C. B. Cochran (Comper) ass. by Elizabeth Welch, Edward Cooper, Janet Joye, and Ray Noble & his Orchestra.

Home & Beauty—Love Me A Little To-day (Herbert & Others)... Binnie Hale (Vocal) with the Adelphi Theatre Orchestra.

C. B. Cochran Presents: Bitter Sweet; Fun o' The Fair; This Year of Grace; Mayfair to Montmartre; Private Lives; Wake Up And Dream; Cat And The Fiddle; 1930 Revue; Words And Music; Music In The Air; One Dam Thing After Another; Evergreen; Cavalcade... The B.B.C. Orchestra with Peggy Wood and Mary Ellis (Vocal).

Home & Beauty—Sing Something In The Morning; No More (Herbert Brodsky)... Gitta Alpar (Soprano) with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 6 in F Major Op. 68 "Pastoral".

1st Mov. Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov. Andante molto mosso; 3rd Mov. Allegro; 4th Mov. Allegro; 5th Mov. Allegretto... The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.27 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Suite No. 2 for Two Pianos, Op. 17. Introduction—Valse—Romance—Tarentelle—Vronsky and Babin (Duets).

7.47 p.m.—Enesco—Rumanian Rhapsody No. 1 in A Major, Eugene Ormandy and The Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post" Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

9.30 p.m.—London—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

9.02-10.00 p.m.—Request—Variety.

The Ferry Boat Serenade—Quick Step (Adamson-Di Lazzaro)... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

I'm Nobody's Baby (Davis & others) ... Anne Shelton (Vocal) with instr. accomp.

Fox-Trot—Only Forever (Monaco-Burke) (from 'Rhythm On The River')... Billy Cotton & his Band.

Waltz—When I Grow Too Old To Dream (from 'The Night Is Young') ... Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Waltz—Vienna Bon Bons (Strauss, arr. Aizler)... Marek Weber & his Orchestra.

The Maids of Cadiz (from 'That Certain Age')... Deanna Durbin with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—At The Balalaika (Maschwitz-Postford)... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

One Kiss (from 'New Moon') (Mandel & others)... Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Waltz—Mammy's Lullaby (Roberts-Callahan)... The Green Brothers' Marimba Band.

Rose Marie (Harbach & Others)... Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orch.

"Firefly"—Selection (Harbach, Friml & Others)—Intro: He Who Loves And Runs Away; Symmetry; Gladina Mia; The Donkey's Serenade... Louis Levy & his Gaumont British Symphony.

I'm Starring Out With A Memory To-night... "Hutch" (Leslie) A. Hutchison (Piano).

Fox-Trot—The Woodpecker Song (Adamson-Di Lazzaro)... Glenn Miller & his Orchestra.

America, I Love You (Edgar-Leslie, Archie Gattler)... Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Down Argentina Way (Warren-Gordon)... Oscar Rabin & his Band.

Wish Me Luck (from 'Shinyard Sally') (Phil Park & Parr-Davies) ... Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orch.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News In French (On Short Wave Only).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

10.17 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Palms of Paradise (from

WATCHERS 'REVOLT'

"Revolt" against fire watching instructions that prevented people from looking after their own streets was referred to by Dr. Haden Guest, M.P. for North Islington, London, in the Commons.

The Minister of Home Security said: "Dr. Guest is in a very force mood to-day." Dr. Guest replied: "My constituents are in a very force mood."

The original instructions had been so hedged about that they had produced what amounted to a revolt among a large number of people in the London area.

The Minister replied that there appeared to be some dispute because some people did not want to serve anywhere other than in their own street.

Dr. Guest asked if the Minister was aware that he was refusing fire-fighters the compensation which they would get if they were fire-fighting at their place of business.

"Typhoon": Hooheo Keia No Beauty... Johnny Kaonohi Pineapple & his Native Islanders. Tangos—Mallencia: Elegante Papi-rusa... Bernardo Alemany & his Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—You Never Miss The Old Faces... Jack Payne & his Band.

Fox-Trots—So You're The One: Walkin' By The River... Hal Kemp & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Swamp Fire... Jimmy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Somewhere At Sea: Nurse! Nurse!... The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Good-Bye Sally: They Can't Black-out The Moon... Jay Wilbur & his Band.

Waltz—If I Should Fall In Love Again: Slow Fox-Trot—Who Told You I Cared (from 'Kid Nightingale')... Josephine Bradley & her Strict Tempo Dance Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"Music Hall".

12.00 midnight—Close down.

MORE FOOD IN TINS PLAN

With the object of saving shipping space of food-stuffs for Britain, the storage and treatment of beef, butter, eggs and milk in concentrated form is being investigated in Australia.

Inter-departmental conferences are taking place between the Commonwealth Department of Commerce and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Sir Earle Page, Federal Minister of Commerce announced.

Canned Butter

It had already been arranged, he said, to obtain plant to dry and export surplus eggs, and increasing attention was being given to drying and condensing milk and sending butter in tin containers.

It would be necessary to eliminate bone as far as possible from all beef exports. Lamb carcasses had already been telescoped to save space.

Vine fruits were being marketed in dried form, as were peaches, apricots and pears to a certain extent.

A statement similar in effect was made by Mr. J. G. Barclay, New Zealand Minister of Marketing and Agriculture.

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1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

There will be no Recruits' medical examination on Fri. 18th July. The Medical Board will assemble as ordered.

2. DETAIL

Corps Orderly N.C.O. H.Q. 5.25 p.m. each day.

Mon. July 14th to be detailed by O.C. No. 4 Company.

Tues. July 15th to be detailed by O.C. No. 6 Company.

Wed. July 16th to be detailed by O.C. 2nd Battery.

Thurs. July 17th to be detailed by O.C. 4th Battery.

Fri. July 18th to be detailed by O.C. 1st Battery.

3. LECTURES

Mon. 14th July, 5.45 p.m. Lecture No. 4 by the Adjutant and R.S.M. G. H. Calvert. All those detailed will attend as under. Officers in No. 1 Lecture Room. Other Ranks in No. 2 Lecture Room.

Tues. 15th July, 5.45 p.m. Lecture No. 4 by the Adjutant and R.S.M. G. H. Calvert. All those detailed will attend as under. Officers in No. 1 Lecture Room. Other Ranks in No. 2 Lecture Room.

Monday—Corps Art. Mob. Coln., No. 2 Coy., No. 6 Coy., A.S.C. Coy. and Fd. Amb.

Tuesday—Remainder. Auxiliary and Reserve Units may attend either day. Note books and pencils will be brought.

4. N.C.O.'s. COURSE—THOMPSON SUB M.G.

Mon. 14th July, 5.30-7 p.m. H.Q. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Btys. Lesson 2.

Wed. 16th July, 5.30-7 p.m. H.Q. Air Arm, Nos. 2, 3, 5 & 7 Coys. Lesson 2.

Fri. 18th July, 5.30-7 p.m. H.Q. 5th A.A. Bty., Mob. Coln., Nos. 1 and 4 Coys. Lesson 2.

5. GAS DEMONSTRATION

Fri. 18th July, 12 noon, Stanley O.S.C. Units may send up to 1 officer per unit to this demonstration. Names of officers should be forwarded to the Adjutant by 12 noon Wed. 16th. Dress—Helmet, shirt, shorts, stockings & shoes. Transport leaves St. John's Place 10.45 a.m.

6. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY Lectures.

Mon. 14th July, (i) 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Thompson Sub M.G. See Corps Orders above. (ii) 5.45 p.m.

Officers and other ranks as detailed. Administrative Course. See Corps Orders above.

Wed. 16th July, (i) 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Lecture Room. Lecture on Chemical Warfare by Major W. Morgan, R.A. All Officers and N.C.O.'s to attend. (ii) 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Dress—Mufli. Corps Artillery Signalling Class.

Fri. 18th July. There will be no Foot and Arms drill for N.C.O.'s on Fri. 18th instant.

ii. Dress For All Btys. For 1/2 Day Training.

The attention of all ranks is directed to the following detail of dress:

Helmet, shirt, shorts, puttees, boots, web equipment, pouches, haversack and water bottle filled; steel helmet, respirator, overalls or trousers to be carried at Bty. Comdr's discretion. Gun platform shoes to be carried. 3rd, 4th and 5th A.A. Btys. only; knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug.

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

iii. 1st Battery.

Tues. 15th July, 2.30 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress as laid down above. Bty. training at Aberdeen.

Thurs. 17th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. L.G. and B.C. As. Classes. Dress—Mufli.

Orderly Sgt.—Sgt. L. C. Millington.

Next for duty—Sgt. J. Oswald. iv. 2nd Battery.

Wed. 16th July, 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point. L. Sec. Layers Class. Dress—Mufli, overalls and S.D. caps to be carried. Revision.

Thurs. 17th July, (i) 1.45 p.m. H.Q. D.E.L. and B.O.P. Staff as detailed. Fatigue Party for Bluff Head. (ii) 2.15 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. (iii) Dress as laid down for 1/2 day training.

Wed. 16th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Right Sec., No. 1 Gun. & D.E.L.—Kit inspection. Dress—Mufli.

v. 3rd Battery.

Mon. 14th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Dress—Overalls, equip., rifle slings. Talk by Lt. Col. Levett, Thompson Gun.

Tues. 15th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress—Mufli. R.C.S.

Wed. 16th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Dress—Mufli. Signal instruction.

Thurs. 17th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress as laid down. D.E.L. for Jubilee. Others Aberdeen.

vi. 4th Battery.

Tues. 15th July, 2.45 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress as laid down above. General Battery drill and instruction.

Thurs. 17th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Signallers and Range Finders. Dress—Mufli, overalls, web belt and frog. Rifle and Squad drill.

vii. 5th A.A. Battery.

Tues. 15th July, 2.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 1 Sec. Dress as detailed above. 1/2 day training at Saiwan.

Wed. 16th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Nos. 1 and 2 Secs. Dress—Mufli. Lecture.

Thurs. 17th July, 2.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 2 Sec. Dress as detailed above. 1/2 day training at Saiwan.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS

Mon. 14th July, 5.30 p.m. K.C.R. Company parade. Dress—Mufli. Discussion of exercise in N.T.

Fri. 18th July, 6 p.m. K.C.R. No. 1 Sec. Dress—Battle Order less steel helmet and box respirator. Trousers must be carried in haversack. Manning exercise in N.T.

Sat. 19th July, 2.30 p.m. K.C.R. Remainder of Company. Dress as for Fri. 18th. Manning exercise in N.T.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Sat. 12th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. No. 5 Detachment D/Rs. Chen, Wong Quincey. Dress—Full Battle Order. Week-end manning exercises.

Mon. 14th July, 5.15 p.m. H.Q. (i) R. Army Class Classification work. (ii) Training cadre and recruits. Lecture 4: Discipline. (iii) Remainder. Signal training.

Wed. 16th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. Less those excused for week end exercises. Dress—Battle Order. 1/2 day training.

Thurs. 17th July, 6 p.m. Hung Hom Depot. W/T Operators. Dress—Mufli. Checking equipment.

Fri. 18th July. Mainland Sec. will parade as detailed for week-end exercises. Dress—Full Battle

Order. There will be no W/T Class at Govt. Trade School.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Wed. 16th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Plns. Classes A & B. V.M.G. Instruction. Classes C, D & E. L.M.G. Instruction.

(ii) Nos. 3 and 3 Plns. Classes A and B. Demonstration. Class C. V.M.G. Instruction. (iii) No. 5 Pln. Classes. A, B & C. L.M.G. Instruction. (iv) Dress—Battle Order, helmets.

Fri. 18th-Sun. 20th July. Hung Hom. All Plns. Dress—Battle Order, helmets. Exercise in N.T. Vehicle Party. Nos. 1 and 2 Plns. No. 1 Sec. and Nos. 3 and 4, No. 3 Sec. 4.15 p.m. Hung Hom. Spare kit will be carried as already detailed.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 14th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. Company parade. Dress—As usual. 1/2 day training.

Tues. 15th July, 5.45 p.m. H.Q. Officers and H.Q. Staff. Dress—Mufli. Lecture.

Fri. 18th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Company and Reserve Pln. Dress—Mufli. Weapon training.

Sun. 20th July, 4.30 p.m. H.Q. Company parade. Dress—Battle Order less box respirator. S.D. cap. Special exercise.

All putthroughs not returned on 11.7.41 will be returned on Mon. 14.7.41.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Mon. 14th July, 5.45 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Dress—Mufli. Lecture.

Tues. 15th July, 5.30 p.m. Kowloon Dock. No. 6 Pln. Dress—Mufli. Weapon training.

Wed. 16th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 7 Pln. Dress—Mufli. L. G. training.

Fri. 18th July, 4.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Dress—Battle Order. Fatigue Party for Manning Exercise. No 1/2 day training.

Sat. 19th July, 2 p.m. K.C.R. Statn. Company parade. Dress—Battle Order less steel helmet. Manning exercise as detailed in Company circular for 4/5th July.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 14th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. Dress as usual. Demonstration and I.S.L.

Wed. 16th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Dress—Overalls, equipment. Tommy Gun training.

Thurs. 17th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap. M.G. training.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 14th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Company parade. Dress—Mufli. Company programme.

Wed. 16th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. Company parade. Dress—Battle Order. Exercise in N.T.

Company Orderly Corpl. w.e. 19.7.41—L/Cpl. K. C. Lee.

Next for duty—L/Cpl. Y. K. So.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Sat. 12th July, 2.15 p.m. H.Q. Whole Company. Dress and details see Company circular. Manning.

Mon. 14th July, 2.15 p.m. Kln. Rly. Statn. Whole Company. Dress as before. Demonstration.

Fri. 18th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. M. G. Secs. Mechanism Heads 4 and 5. L.G. Sec. Stripping and assembling (Elementary) Body Group.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 15th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Whole Company. Dress—Mufli. Rifle instruction Lesson III (Continued).

Fri. 18th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. Whole Company. Dress Boots, puttees, hosiery, sun helmets, shorts, shirts, web equipment, slings. Demonstration.

Sat. 19th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. Whole Company. Dress Boots, puttees, hosiery, shorts, shirts, helmet, web equipment, mess tins, slings. Carried in kit bag—Spare shirt, shorts, socks, trousers, cardigan, S.D. cap, washing and shaving kit, knife fork and spoon. Week-end exercises.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 14th July, 5.45 p.m. H.Q. (i) L.G. Nos. 1 and 2. Dress—Overall and web belt. Pistol instruction. (ii) No. 25 Pln. Dress—Overalls. L.G. Recapt'n. of Elem. handling & I.A. (iii) No. 20 Pln. L.L. Instruction. (iv) Detail from No. 4 Coy. L. L. Instn.

Tues. 15 July, 5.45 a.m. H.Q. Offrs. & Coy. H.Q. Lecture.

Wed. 16th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. As detailed. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps, equipment. Instructors course T.S.M.G.

Fri. 18th July, 2 p.m. H.Q. Coy. parade. Dress—Battle Order. Demonst'n. as detailed at Shek-O then return to H.Q. Grenades and L.L. instruction.

(I) ARMY SERVICE CORPS

COMPANY

Mon. 14th-Sun. 20th July. Transport and Supplies duties daily as detailed. Dress as before. Duty Officers as ordered.

Thurs. 17th July, 5.20 p.m. St. John's Place. Hut No. 6. Whole Company. Dress—Mufli. Lecture: Map Reading.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Tues. 15th July, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Unit parade. Dress—Mufli. Training.

Wed. 16th July, 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Unit parade. Dress—Shirt, shorts, helmets, boots, puttees. Full equipment with mess tin, knife, fork and spoon. Field training.

Fri. 18th July, 5 p.m. Hung Hom Railway Workshops. Those detailed. Dress—Battle Order less steel helmets. Week-end manning.

(n) PAY SECTION

Thurs. 18th July, 8.30 a.m. Comd. H.Q. No. 1 Sub-Sec. Dress—Uniform. Pay duties.

Fri. 19th July, 8.30 a.m. Comd. H.Q. No. 2 Sub-Sec. Dress—Uniform. Pay duties.

Fri. 19th July, 8.30 a.m. Vol. H.Q. No. 1 Lecture Room. Sgt. Clark, Cpl. Brown, Pte. Piercy, Pte. Foy and Pte. Minnot. Instruction in Pay duties under S.Q.M.S. F. C. Young.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COY

Wed. 16th July, 2.30 p.m. Exchange building. Dress—Mufli. Sector Survey.

7. CORPS ORDER AMENDMENT

Corps Order No. 8/41 dated 14.2.41. Para. 10. STRENGTH-DECREASE. Delete the name of "3027 Pte. J. R. Carr, Mob. Coln."

8. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

Gnr. F. Schnepel, 4th Bty. to be L/Bdr. 9.7.41.

Gnr. J. Reeves, 4th Bty. to be L/Bdr. 9.7.41.

Gnr. K. Y. Li 4th Bty. to be L/Bdr. 9.7.41.

Gnr. A. J. Rocha, 4th Bty. to be L/Bdr. 9.7.41.

Pte. W. J. Iles No. 1 Coy. to be L/Cpl. 9.7.41.

Pte. J. Lowrie, No. 2, Coy. to be L/Cpl. 10.7.41.

9. TRANSFER

Pte. J. R. Carr, from Mob. Coln. to 5th A.A. Bty., No. 3 Sec. 11.7.41.

10. STRENGTH-DECREASE

Gnr. Tam Kwan Kon, 4th Bty. 1.1.41.

Gnr. F. T. Chung, 4th Bty. 14.1.41.

Pte. A. M. Campos. No. 5 Coy. 28.4.41.

Pte. A. S. Abbot, A.S.C. Coy. 31.5.41.

Pte. Peter Lam, No. 7 Coy. 18.6.41.

Pte. A. L. Davis, No. 1 Coy. 30.6.41.

Spr. S. Gray, H. K. Eng. Corps. 9.7.41.

11. STRENGTH-INCREASE

Spr. W. W. Greenburg, H. K. Eng. Corps. 9.7.41.

E. N. THURSBY,

Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICES

1. RIFLE CLUB

The Rifle Club has entered two teams in the Miniature Rifle League. Members interested are asked to communicate with N. D. Booker, c/o Jardine, Matheson & Co.

2. SERGEANTS' MESS MEETING

A Sergeants' Mess general meeting will be held in No. 1 Lecture Room on Tuesday, 22nd July, 1941, at 5.30 p.m. All members not on duty will attend.

3. AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. LECTURE

Fri. 18th July, 5.45 p.m. St. John's Cathedral Hall. Outdoor uniform. First Aid lecture.

2. STRENGTH-INCREASE

Mrs. H. M. E. Campbell—7.7.41. Mrs. G. M. M. Sinclair—7.7.41. Sgt. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Commandant.

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SHEPHERD AND BURLING VICTORIOUS

Two games in the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Rink Championship were played yesterday.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, J. Shepherd's Police rink (W. McLeod, W. B. Harris and W. S. Dall) beat V. Chittenden's four (C. Woodcock, V. N. Atienza and C. Downman) by 20-19.

Shepherd led Chittenden 12-1 at the 7th and 18-10 at the 16th. Chittenden then scored 1 2 3 3 to take the lead at 19-18 at the 20th. Shepherd scored a two at the last end.

Scores were:
Shepherd: 0 2 1 3 3 2 1 0 1 0 0 2 0 1
2 0 0 0 2 = 20
Chittenden: 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 1 3 1 0 1 0
0 1 2 3 3 0 = 19

Though conceding a four at the first end W. J. Burling's rink (P. D. Crawley, E. Kirmon, J. Hempsey) were on level terms at 6-all at the 8th against C. Pereira's four (M. A. Wahab, A. R. Kitchell and A. M. Wahab).

At the 12th the score was tied at 10-all. Burling then scored a five and this seemed to demoralise their opponents, who scored on only one of the remaining heads for Burling to win 26-13.

A. M. Wahab played in place of N. Spence, who has left the Colony on leave.

Scores were:
Pereira: 4 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
0 3 0 0 = 13
Burling: 0 2 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 2 2 0 5 2 3 1
1 2 0 1 = 26

Recreio Pair Win

At Kowloon Cricket Club on Thursday, J. A. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez beat A. Lapsley and R. Ogden 22-10 in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship. The winners scored at 14 heads.

MEETING POSTPONED

The representatives' meeting of the All-Colony Basketball League, which should have been held yesterday at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A., was postponed.

It is understood that the League will commence on Saturday, July 26.

No date for the meeting has been fixed.

TO-DAY'S GAME

Following will represent Trojan basketball team against Hong Kong Police at Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-day at 4 p.m. Bill Silva, Henry Silva, Tony Silva, H. Osmond, Charlie Figueiredo, B. Neves, D. Aquino, Poon Kwong-yin, Tack Pui-yung and N. Beltrão.

INDIANS' CHANCE TO HEAD THIRD DIVISION TABLE

Electric Expected To Beat H.K.C.C.

By "Skip"

There are no outstanding games in First Division of the Lawn Bowls League this afternoon, the best one probably being that between Indians and Recreio "B" at Sookunpoo. The home team will be anxious to rehabilitate themselves after their defeat last week and in spite of the useful from displayed by some of the Portuguese players recently, I do not think they can master their hosts, who are always hard to beat at Sookunpoo.

The champions should have little difficulty in defeating Kowloon Cricket Club, for there is no reason to imagine that they will take things too easily.

Whatever hopes they may have of overtaking Craighengower, through a lapse on the Valley side's part, will not be realised to-day as the potential champions are to play Kowloon Dock, where if they do not win I risk my topee!

Police also look set for a useful win, in spite of the return of Jack Deakin to Civil Service side, whilst it would be an insult to the selectors to suggest that Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" can beat their "elder brethren". Generally it looks like a day of "doubles."

H.K.F.C.'s Big Task

Second Division forecast points to the same general results: repetitions of the games played on May 10. Kowloon Tong, for instance, easily beat Club de Recreio when they met at King's Park and must repeat the dose. Prison Officers' Club against Kowloon Cricket Club comes in exactly the same category. I am rather less confident as regards the other two games, yet I think Kowloon Football Club, in spite of their expen-

sive (for me!) setback last week, can do themselves justice at Chatham Road. Hong Kong Football Club may be heartened by their last result, but Craighengower are getting stronger each week in my opinion and may just win.

Third Division leaders, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, are resting this Saturday and Indians, their nearest rivals, have a chance to go to the top of the table—can they take it?—the chance I mean, of course, not the defeat which I think is coming to them against Hong Kong Football Club.

Kowloon Football Club, after their little outing last week, look certain to beat Craighengower, who were badly beaten last Saturday.

Needle Match

Hong Kong Cricket Club visit Ming Yuen and as these two teams are at the bottom of the League this should be a needle game. The Electricians are the only club to which has so far succumbed to their visitors (if to-day). I think they can turn the tables to leave their visitors securely ensconced in what the baseballers call "the cellar berth".

Police, whose lowly position in the League is due chiefly to the few games they have played, should advance a place if my forecast is correct.

GRODZICKI BACK IN THE MINORS

"Just what does a young pitcher have to do to stay in the major leagues?"

Johnny Grodzicki, more than anybody else, has a right to ask this question.

Grodzicki was the outstanding star of the Cardinals' spring exhibition games. He was credited with two victories and charged with one defeat.

Gus Mancuso, veteran St. Louis catcher, said the 24-year-old Grodzicki was the fastest of five recruits who performed so brilliantly during the Red Birds' 10-game winning streak.

Yet with five National League clubs and all American League outfits crying for pitching, Grodzicki finds himself returned to the minors—the Cardinals' Columbus subsidiary.

The Cardinals had so much outfield talent that they could afford to peddle several of their players to Columbus.

It is such a monopolisation of talent that enables Sam Breadon and Branch Rickey to keep the far-flung St. Louis club considerably more than solvent by the sale of ball players.

In a Y.M.C.A. tennis tournament match last Thursday at King's Park Lomax beat Hawkins 6-1, 6-4.

In a hockey match on skates at Ciro's Rink yesterday the Blitz team, comprising members of the 7th A.A. Battery, beat Hong Kong Skating Club 2-0, Wood scoring both goals.

TO-NIGHT'S AQUATIC GALAS

Two interesting swimming galas will be held this evening.

Auxiliary Nursing Service meet the Nursing Section, H.K.V.D.C. at the Army pool at 9 p.m. in aid of Bomber Fund, and Victoria Recreation Club meet Lai Tsun Swimming Union at 9.07 p.m. in an inter-Club affair.

The charity gala should attract a big crowd as competition promises to be very keen, it is in the open air and an added attraction will be the band of Royal Scots, by kind permission.

In the other gala Victoria Recreation Club have been greatly weakened at the last minute by the inability of W. Lawrence, D. H. Taylor, L. A. Benn and L. M. Remedios to participate this evening.

Benn is participating in the charity gala. Remedios is on Volunteer week-end training. Taylor has not had sufficient training and Lawrence is indisposed, although he may yet swim.

These absences have increased the odds on Lai Tsun winning, but most of the events should be extremely interesting. In the women's section—and it is in this section that V.R.C. depend for most of their points—all the races promise to be very closely contested affairs.

There will be dancing after the swimming.

Charity Gala

Following is the programme for the Charity Gala:—

Free style:—A.N.S.:—Mrs. Murrell, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Hackett, Reserves, Miss Corra, Miss L. Glover, N.D.:—Mrs. Ritchie, Miss M. Booker, Miss B. Longbottom, Reserves, Miss G. White, Mrs. Bertrux.

Great-stroke:—A.N.S.:—Mrs. Graf, Miss Corra, Mrs. Pittendrigh, Reserves, Miss M. Simpson, Mrs. Man N.D.:—Miss M. Booker, Miss G. White, Miss A. Black.

Back-stroke:—A.N.S.:—Mrs. Murrell, Mrs. Hackett, Miss S. Baskett, Mrs. Crawford, N.D.:—Miss B. Longbottom, Mrs. Ritchie.

Relay:—A.N.S.:—Mrs. Murrell, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Hackett, Miss Corra, Miss L. Glover, Mrs. Crommelin, Reserves, Miss Parsons, Miss M. Simpson, N.D.:—Miss M. Booker, Mrs. Ritchie, Miss B. Longbottom, Miss G. White, Miss G. Eardley, Miss A. Black, Reserves, Mrs. Bertrux, Mrs. E. Bigwell, Mrs. S. Mackinlay.

Diving:—A.N.S.:—Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Man, Miss B. Parsons, Mrs. Skirwith, Reserves, Miss M. Simpson, N.D.:—Miss M. Booker, Mrs. I. Ritchie, Mrs. S. Mackinlay, Miss A. Black.

The water-polo teams are: Navy-Civilian (Navy), L. A. Benn (Y.M.C.A.), and E. W. Raitton (Y.M.C.A.), R. Goldman (Y.M.C.A.), A. B. Rutter (Navy), A. F. May (Y.M.C.A.), Paul (Navy).

Army:—Bennett (Signals); H. A. W. Millar (Scots), Sir Hunt (Signals); Col. Bedford (Signals); 1/Col. Dignan (Signals); Pte. Macdonald (R.A.M.C.), L/Bdr. McNulty (8th RA).

V.R.C. Gala

Following is the programme and teams for the V.R.C. v Lai Tsun gala:—

Ladies' 150 Yards Medley Relay:—V.R.C.:—Miss C. Gutierrez (back), Miss V. Churn (breast) and Miss J. Anderson (free-style); Lai Tsun:—Miss Lily Sadick (back), Miss Lo Pok-am (breast) and Miss Ko Mui-ling (free-style).

Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke:—V.R.C.:—J. Marques and A. Alves; Lai Tsun:—Fong Chung-yue and Wong Siu-chi.

Men's 100 Yards free-style:—V.R.C.:—Charles Huang and L. Roza-Pereira; Lai Tsun:—Lau Tai-ping and Tsang Cheong-ming.

Men's 440 Yards free-style:—V.R.C.:—Charles Huang and C. Silva-Netto; Lai Tsun:—Yau Sai-kwan and Chan Chun-nam.

Ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke:—V.R.C.:—Miss M. Noronha and Miss Y. Yolic; Lai Tsun:—Miss Ko Mui-ling and Miss Lo Pok-am.

Men's 100 Yards back-stroke:—V.R.C.:—A. K. Rumiha and T. Lobs; Lai Tsun:—Lau Yiu-ting and Poon Wing-kai.

Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—V.R.C.:—Miss C. Gutierrez and Miss I. Lopes; Lai Tsun:—(to be decided this evening).

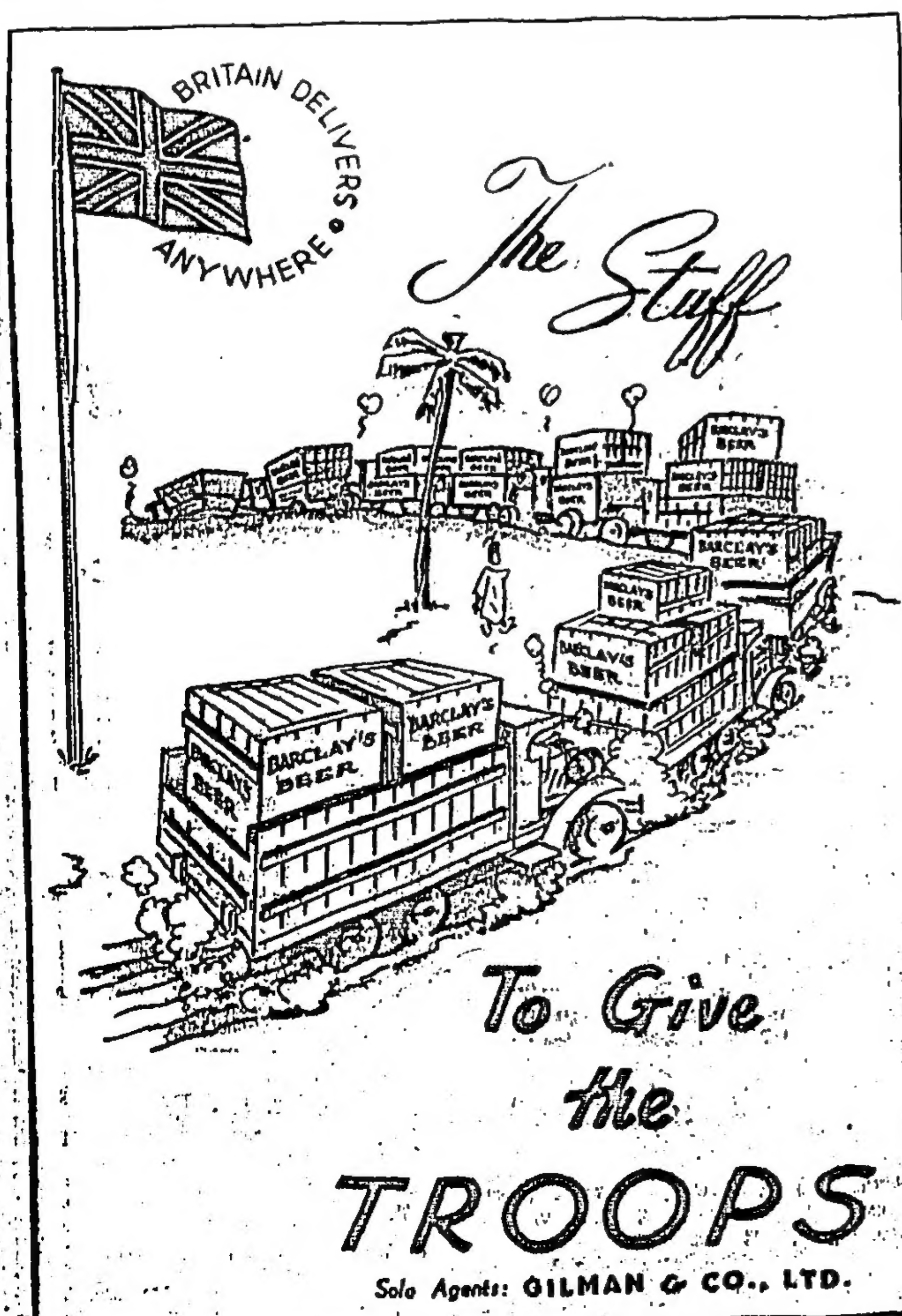
Ladies' 50 Yards free-style:—V.R.C.:—Miss V. Churn and Miss J. Anderson; Lai Tsun:—Miss Ko Mui-ling and Miss Lily Sadick.

Men's 150 Yards Medley relay:—V.R.C.:—A. K. Rumiha (back), J. Marques (breast) and C. Huang (free-style); Lai Tsun:—Lau Yiu-ling (back), Tsang Cheong-ming (breast) and Kam Hop-ming (free-style).

Ladies' 200 Yards free-style relay:—V.R.C.:—Miss V. Churn, Miss J. Anderson, Miss C. Gutierrez and Miss I. Lopes; Lai Tsun:—Misses Ko Mui-ling, Tsang Fung-kwan, Lily Sadick and Chang O-lin.

Men's 800 Yards free-style relay:—V.R.C.:—Charles Huang, L. Roza-Pereira, C. Silva-Netto and A. K. Rumiha; Lai Tsun:—Lau Tai-ping, Yau Sai-kwan, Poon Wing-kai and Chan Chung-nam.

All swimming clubs at North and West Point have already resumed their activities after the recent typhoon. All damage to the sheds has been repaired, with the exception of the Chinese "Y" shed.



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COMMITTEE DECIDE H.B. MUST PLAY

There have been many rumours in the last few days to the effect that to-day's game between H.B. and Mindanao would not be played owing to the inability of H.B. to field a team, due to Volunteer duties and illness.

We are given to understand that H.B. wrote to the Baseball Association yesterday, following a verbal request on Thursday, asking for a postponement on these grounds.

The Association secretary is reported to have refused permission for postponement, and H.B. thereupon replied that, as they were unable to raise a side, they had no alternative but to forfeit the game. A meeting of the Baseball League was held last night and the matter was again fully discussed.

H.B. SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

Mr. Dhun Ruttonjee, sponsor of H.B., told the "China Mail" this morning, "We are not playing to-day and are withdrawing from the League."

At this meeting the Committee decided that H.B. did not have sufficient grounds for a postponement of the game, and under the circumstances would have to play to-day.

G. Gosano and Ozorio were the only players affected by Volunteer duties, while the remainder, according to the official notification, who were not able to play owing to illness were H. Ali, J. Bowen, Abbas, D. Leonard and T. A. Leonard, while G. Souza was a doubtful starter owing to work.

The committee felt that H.B. could have prepared for the eventuality of sickness and the committee did not consider illness a sufficiently good excuse.

The Baseball League permits 20 players to be registered and H.B. apparently did not register their quota, but, in spite of this, the Committee felt that from their registered players they could still raise a nine for to-day.

An H.B. Win Will Place Squads Level

By "Grandstand"

THE TURNSTILES AT RAILWAY CORNER ARE EXPECTED TO CLICK FOR A NEW HIGH THIS AFTERNOON WHEN DAVE LEONARD'S BRUISING BREWERY BOMBERS STAGE THEIR "NO HOLDS BARRED" DOG-FIGHT WITH LOU FOWLAWSKI'S MERRY-MAKING MINDANAOANS IN THE BASEBALL LEAGUE CURTAIN-RAISER AT 2.15 P.M. TO HIGHLIGHT THE AFTERNOON'S TWIN-BILL.

Slated for a double-header, Chuck Waggoner's Mohawks cross bats with the South China weak-willed aggregation in the night-cap, and lock horns with the Mighty Asheville-Tulsa combination to-morrow at 10 a.m.

The potent Polack's mace-maulers had the better of the Beerville sluggers in their last encounter, with a last inning nose-out. Since then the chant in Beer Town has been "we'll get them the next time," and as the teams round the bend for the home stretch, it must be now or never. A victory for the Leonardmen will place them level with the Minnies for a photo-finish as they come under the wire come September, whilst a defeat will just about mean curtains for a Beerville flag.

Mindanao mentor-cum-aes-chucker Lou Fowlawski will toe the rubber with Tony Mascavage receiving. Fowlawski is hottest when the pressure is highest, and Mindanao supporters know the Polack's might and gladly hug that knowledge, whilst hindsatcher Tony Mascavage has the strongest wing in the loop.

Bob Strahl will be the first base guardian, with "Crooner" Ruel and "Greasy" Moore forming the keystone combination whilst Sox Bowersox will hold the hot-corner. Gardeners will be Earl "High-Jumper" Wilson in the left patch, with R. Wilson and Vaughan in the centre and right pastures.

Arculli's Responsibility

Stacked up against the Fowlawski-men, with all the blue chips down, pilot Dave Leonard is piling the responsibility of the clash on the shoulders of hurler Madcen "Slim" Arculli, to come through in the clutch with his former mound wizardry.

It has been noticed that Arculli has slowed down considerably, but it is possible that the foxy ball-hawk is saving his pitches for this crucial tussle.

Week-End Programme

Following is the programme for the week-end—

TO-DAY
2.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Brewers v U.S.S. Mindanao. (Umpires: "Grandpa" Leung, Tommy Chan and Richard Chung.)
4.30 p.m.—Hong Kong Baseballers v South China. (Umpires: Lou Fowlawski, Henry Ruel and Jimmy Welford.)
TO-MORROW
10.00 a.m.—Hong Kong Baseballers v U.S.S. Tulsa/Asheville. (Umpires: "Grandpa" Leung, Nip Lum and Pete Choy.)

Arculli is down to go all the way as relief Gerry Gosano will be out of the line-up, being away on Volunteer duties. Gerry proved his effectiveness by eluding for a 333 figure in his three games. As usual, maskman Oscar Arculli will be receiving. Stan Leonard, the short-circuited power-house, will cavort around his favourite spot, the initial sack, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alves and Dave (El "Bambino") Leonard will guard second and third, with George Souza plugging up the windy alley. Arbitrators will be "Grandpa" Leung Fowlawski calling them behind the plate, with Tommy Chan and C. S. Chung calling them around the bases.

Odds On Mohawks

At 4.30 p.m. Mohawks fight it out with their cellar-mates, the South China weak-willed wonders. The odds are on the Tribe climbing out of the cellar dampness for a sniff of the fresh air, which they have been deprived of for, to these many moons, unless mentor Waggoner decides to spot the Carolinians a few markers by starting "Wild Bill" Smith on the hill with his "prayer ball".

Master-mind Chuck Waggoner has to date displayed no less than five moundsmen, Den Crarr, "Larruping" Lawrence, Bernie "Red" Johnson, Johnnie Schaberg, and Bill Smith, whilst in the receiving department, Chuck Waggoner, Pinky Higgins and Bernie Johnson have taken turns donning the harness, so your guess is as good as mine on the starting battery for to-day and to-morrow.

Pete Lau is now the regular hurler for the Carolinians with Hal Winglee working behind the plate, whilst their re-organised infield quartette will be Pat Wong, first-base; Willie Kwan at second, and Nelson Ma and "Texas" Ng on the left side of the infield. Gardeners will be selected from Cecil Winglee, I. C. Wong, David "Dopey" Lo, Smalle Pang and Harry Chinn. Lou Fowlawski, Hank Ruel and Welford are down to umpire this tilt.

To-morrow's Game

After an absence of almost a month, Tony Grovernato's ball-hawks from the Mighty "A" are a-parin' to go into action again, when they take on Chuck Waggoner's Mohawks in to-morrow's only tilt, at 10 a.m.

Charlie Sawyer and Langford will probably be the opening battery, whilst the infielders will be Goff at first-base, Alvin Haigh at second, Watkins at third and "Dusty" Rhodes in the short-stop gap. Umpires selected are, Grandpa Leung, Nip Lum and Pete Choy.

DID YOU KNOW?

Glass buttons or polished metal are never found on a big league uniform. They annoy the hitter.

Walter Matusczak will return to Cornell University this Autumn to conclude veterinary studies. The blocking quarterback and outfielder will probably join the staff of football coaches.

Paul Waner, released by Brooklyn in his 10th year in the National League, plays the Dodgers an unusual compliment. The two-time batting champion says the Flatbush sock is the best team he ever saw in the senior circuit.

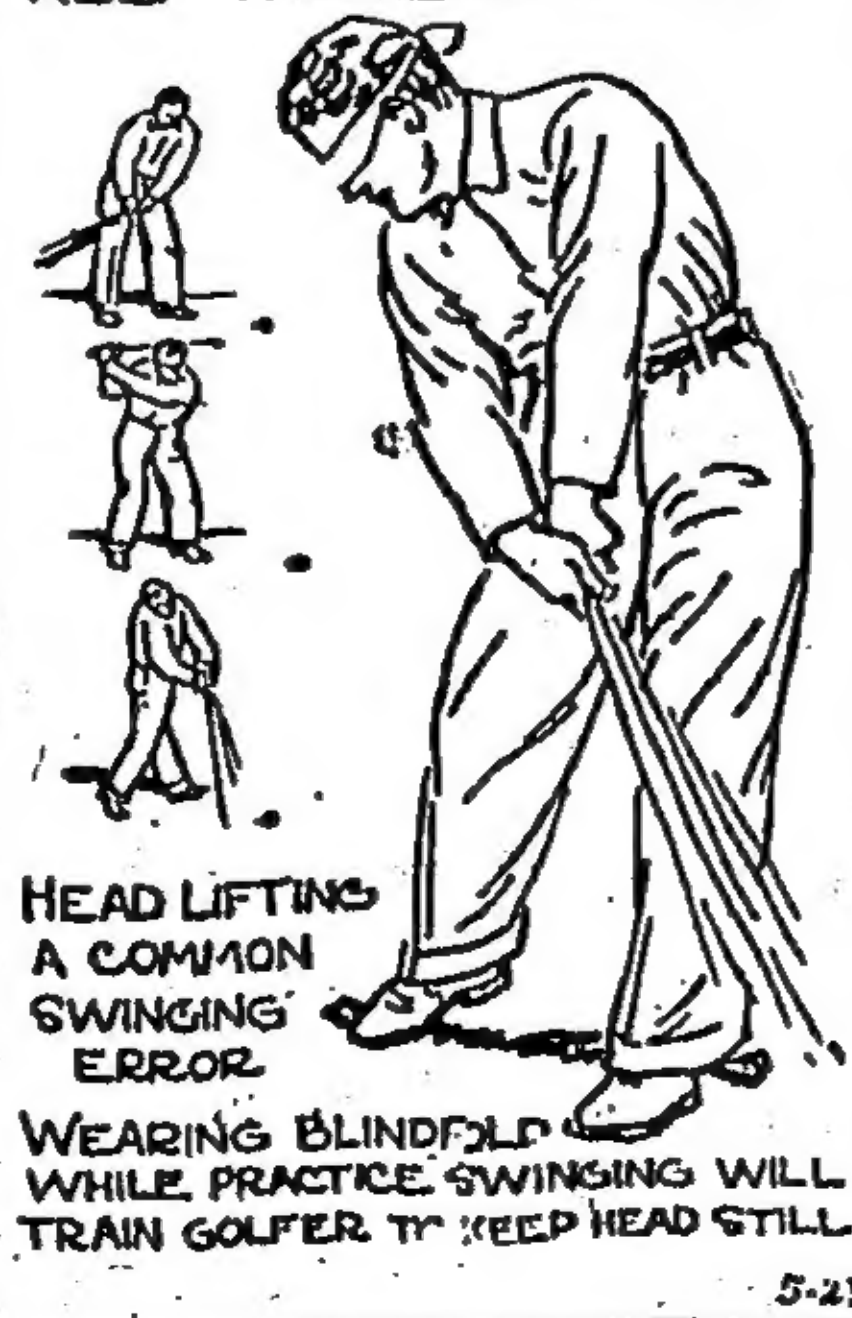
The Head Down Training Routine

By Best Ball

Close observers of Craig Wood's form are of the opinion that he does not move his head at all during the execution of a stroke. Oftentimes he does not look up until long after the ball has been in the air. Such a performance seems to be tops in adhering to that important fundamental, "keep the head still". Other pros, also take the advice literally but for the rank and file of players it seems one of the hardest of golf features to follow. Such players are advised to complete the follow through before looking up, to listen for the plunk of the ball in the cup before raising their eyes on the putting green, methods designed to make the golfer more conscious of the head down factor.

One of the best methods of training the body to swing freely underneath the head is practice swinging blindfolded. One's attention can thus be devoted largely to this important fundamental and the muscles schooled in the cor-

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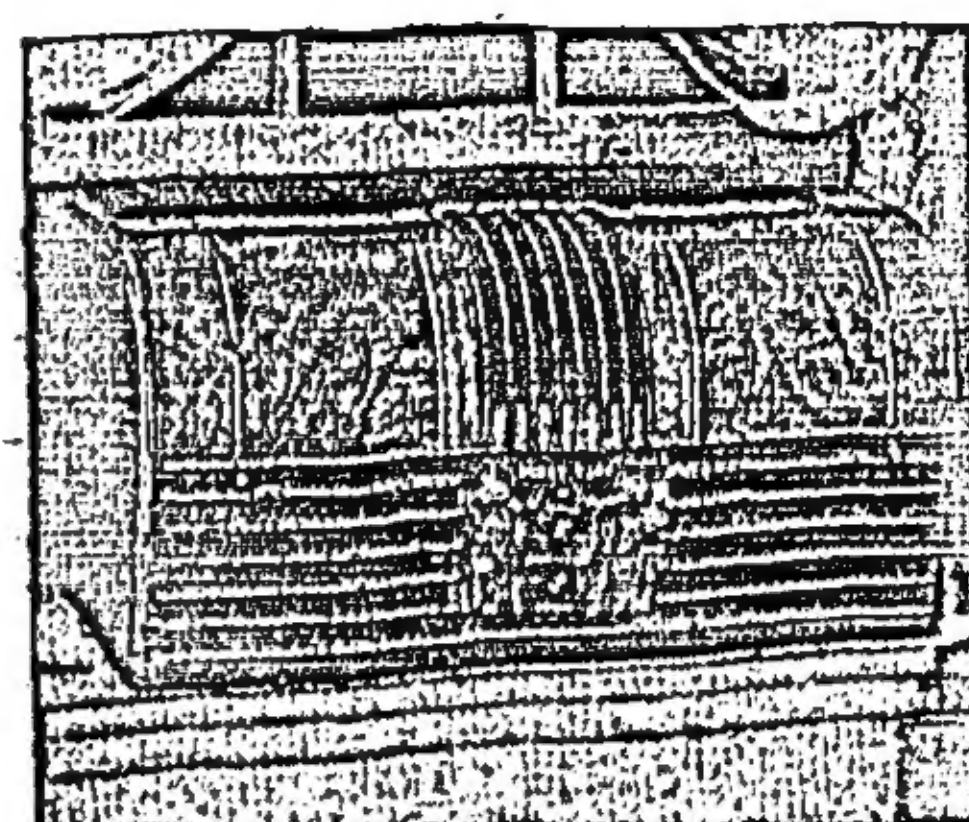
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rect swinging roles. The head must serve as the centre about which the swing revolves and for this reason must be kept immobile.

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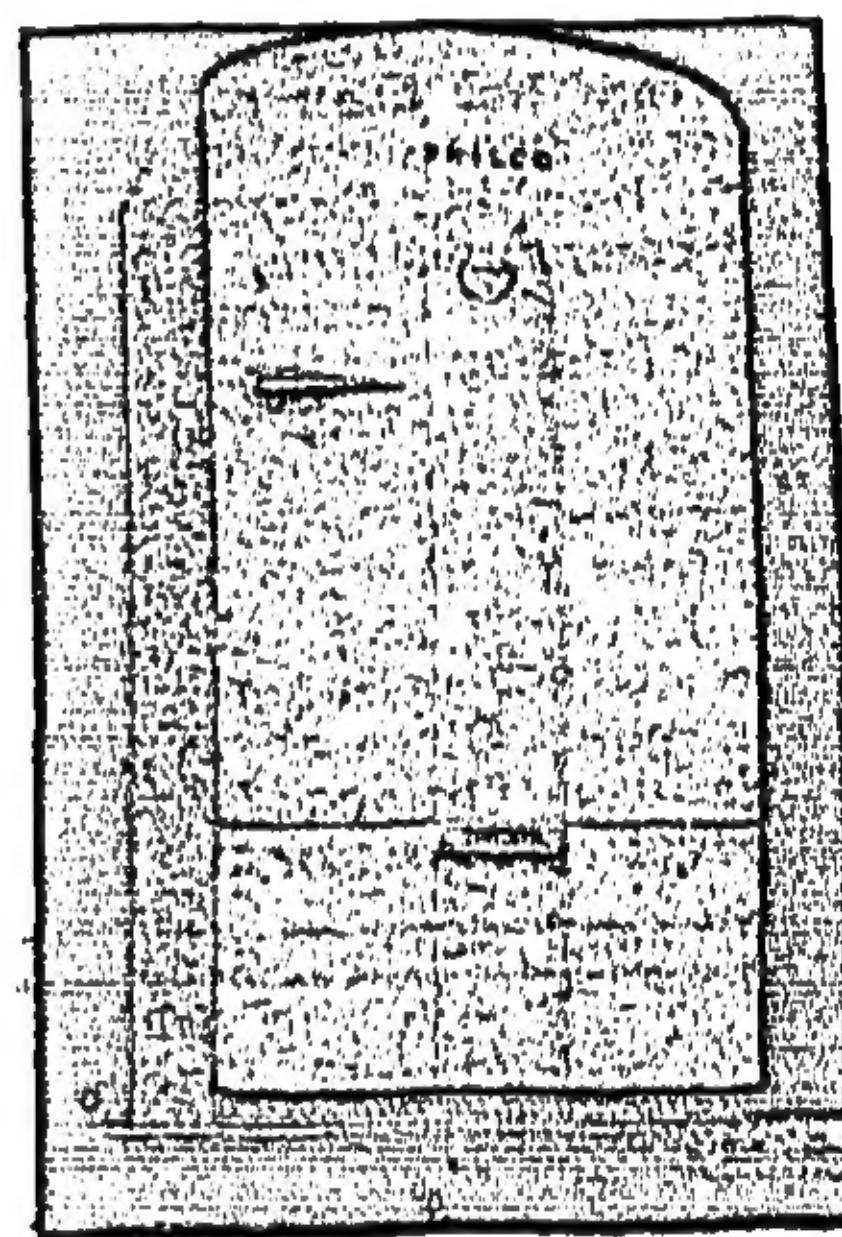
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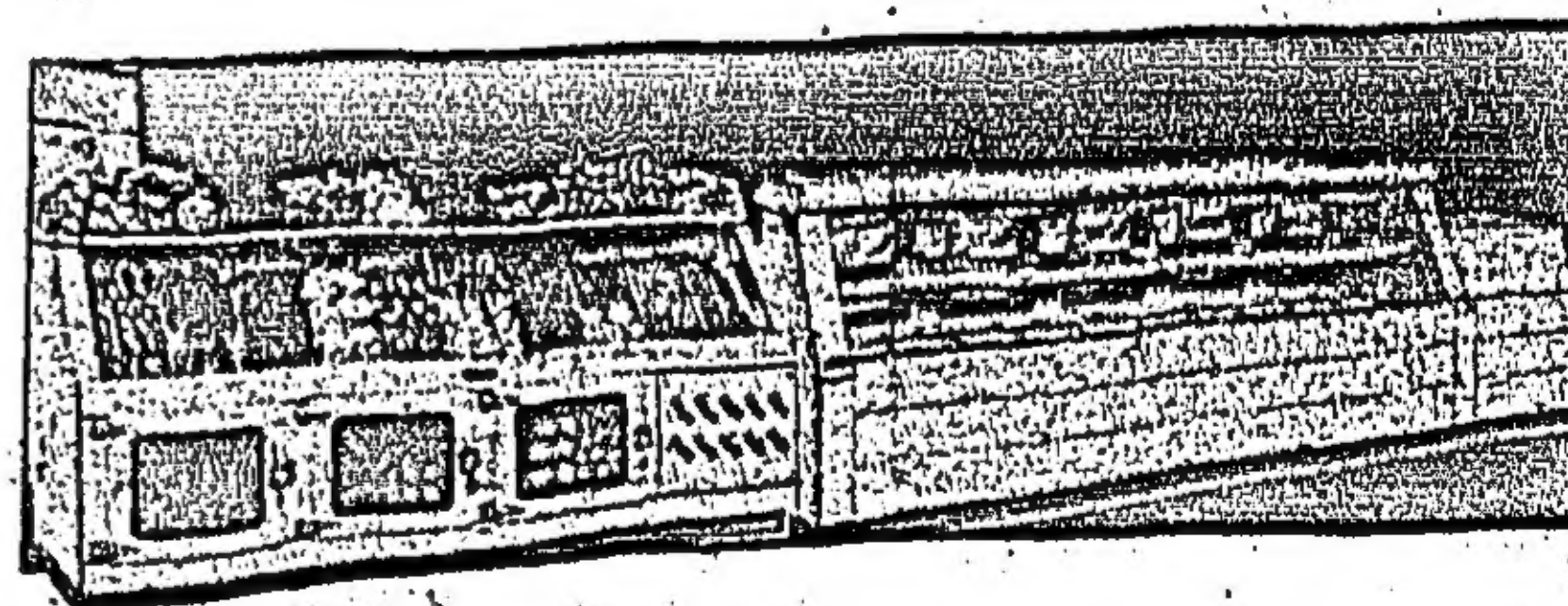
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NAVY RUMOURS DENIED IN WASHINGTON

The U.S. Navy Secretary, Col. Frank Knox, and the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Stark, yesterday gave what committeemen termed "categorical denials" before the Senate Naval Committee of published charges that the U.S. Navy had engaged the Nazi navy.—Reuter.

LULL BEFORE THE STORM

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Red dive-bombers successfully attacked enemy troops crossing the western Dvina River, evidently west of Polotsk and Lepel, where the biggest battle on the front has been raging. Red planes flew deep into the Nazi rear, bombing German air fields and communications, and 28 Nazi planes were destroyed as against six Russian machines lost. In Berlin, Nazi quarters reiterate the claim to have gained a colossal victory in the Minsk battle, describing it as "the biggest work in history," and claiming more than 400,000 prisoners.

The Germans allege that two Russian armies "trapped" in the Minsk pocket weeks ago have now

been "utterly destroyed." VAST BATTLES, STATE THE GERMANS, ARE STILL CONTINUING ALONG THE STALIN LINE.

Ploesti Again Bombed

The following is the text of a communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau and broadcast by Moscow radio at 10.30 (G.M.T.) last night:

"Throughout July 11 no significant changes took place on the front.

"During the day our air force through concentrated attacks destroyed enemy mechanised units, attacked enemy aircraft on aerodromes and bombed Ploesti.

"According to verified data on July 9 and 10 our aircraft destroyed 179 enemy planes."—International News Service and Reuter.

Over 500 Vessels To Be Built

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY ASKED CONGRESS FOR \$3,323,000,000 IN CASH AND CONTRACT AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND THE MARITIME COMMISSION.

With the previous day's request for \$4,770,000,000 for the Army this makes a total of \$8,093,000,000 sought for defence purposes in the past 24 hours.

Yesterday's request included \$1,625,000,000 in cash for the Navy, of which \$400,000,000 will be for maintenance and repair of defence installations in Government or privately owned merchantmen.

Asked at his press conference if this meant merchantmen would be armed, President Roosevelt assured this was not contemplated and the bulk of the sum undoubtedly would be used for naval ships.

He suggested it would be applied to such things as fitting vessels with equipment for combating magnetic mines, adding he supposed the conversion of some private vessels for use by the Navy was also contemplated.

"Great Many" New Ships

The President asked for \$698,000,000 in cash and \$1,000,000,000 in contract authorisations for the Maritime Commission, saying the money would be used for a great many new ships.

President Roosevelt said a new Lease and Lend appropriations request was being worked out but was probably not going to Congress this week.

He also said that an addition to the Tax Bill was before Congress at present and he assumed there would be another Tax Bill next winter and a Tax Bill about every year.

President Roosevelt declared none of the funds were intended for the repair of British vessels, asserting that the expanded programme had nothing to do with the widening of foreign policy and it was needed because the schedule of production had been stepped up and the money was needed now instead of next January.

Over 500 New Vessels

Of the vote for the Navy and Maritime Commission, \$1,625,000,000 provides for the construction of 500 merchantmen, and \$350,000,000 for the requisition, purchase and repair of existing ships.

The remaining \$50 millions will provide additional ship-building facilities.

The Maritime Commission announced it has already developed plans to a point where actual construction can be begun early in August.

All ships of the new programme are scheduled to be completed and operating by the end of 1943. Combined tonnage will be 5,500,000.

THE NEW PROGRAMME COMBINED WITH CONSTRUCTION ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR BY BRITAIN DIRECTLY WITH U.S. SHIPBUILDERS, CONTEMPLATES THE DELIVERY INTO SERVICE OF NEARLY 14,000,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS OF MERCHANTMEN BY THE END OF 1943.—REUTER.

STOP PRESS

HEAVY TROOP MOVEMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON THE TURCO-BULGARIAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO TRUST-WORTHY REPORTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE SOVIET INFORMATION BUREAU, SAYS REUTER FROM MOSCOW THIS MORNING.

The story of an attack on a trading junk near the Nine-pine, frustrated by a naval craft, was told by Li Chan-kan, the master of the junk, last night.

The incident occurred at about 9 p.m. on Thursday. Robbers boarded the junk from another craft, but a naval patrol turned up within a few minutes.

Five alleged robbers were captured and four are believed to have been drowned trying to escape.

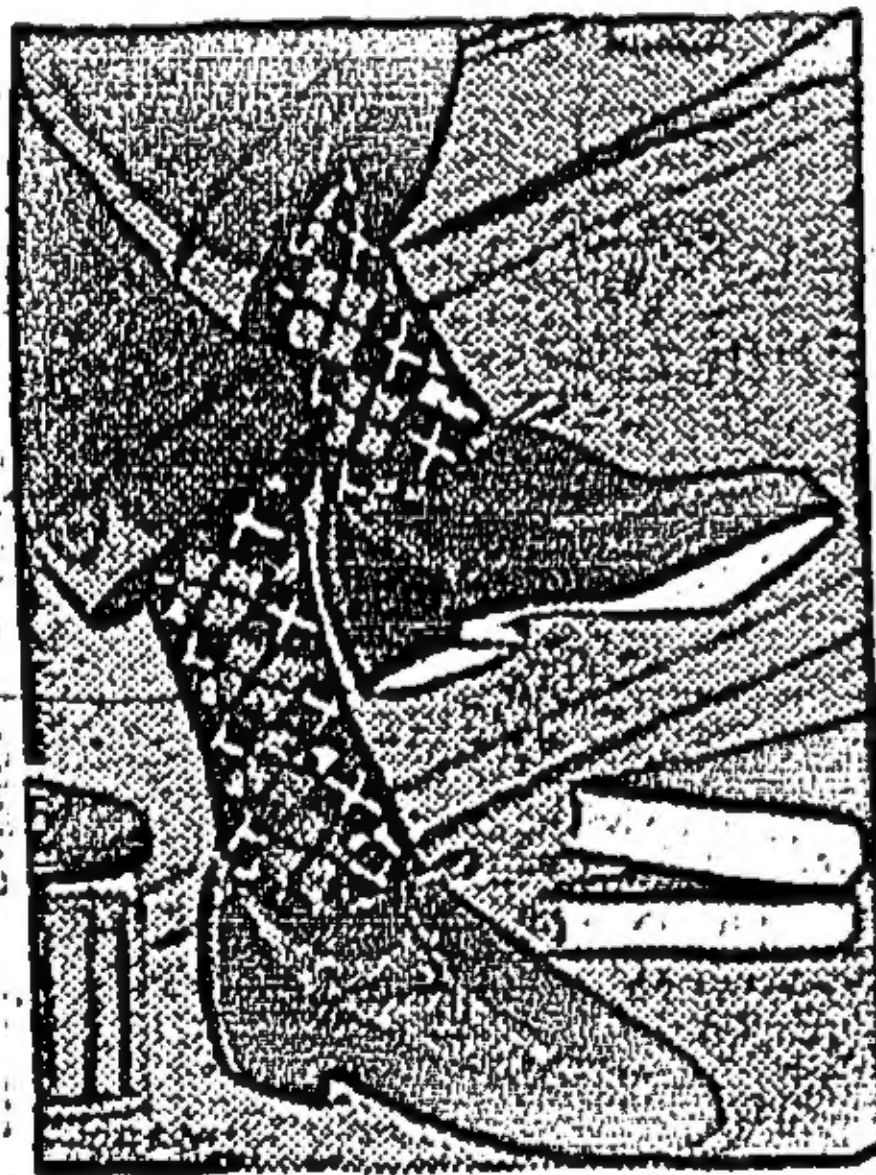
The Navy Department in Washington has announced intensive mine-laying operations at the entrance of New York harbour.—Reuter.

It was revealed this morning that the master of trading junk No. 4928 is in the Queen Mary Hospital with serious injuries, as the result of the destruction of his junk in the minefield on Monday. Three members of the crew survived the explosion.

The Messerschmitt 109F, one of Germany's latest high altitude fighters, piloted by the Nazi ace fighter pilot, Rolf Pingel, was found to be almost intact and Pingel himself uninjured.

The capture is the result of a spectacular and unusual success for a heavy British bomber. The bomber met the Nazi pilot and forced him down near St. Margaret's Bay, on the Kent coast.—Reuter.

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